In a recent 10-year period, 29 miners died at metal and nonmetal mines when they fell.

Protecting employees from falling requires engineering controls, and in areas where platforms, handrails or other safe access means cannot be installed, a miner must wear protective equipment such as a safety harness to prevent falls.

**Key Points To Prevent Falls:**

- The best fall protection is stationary or mobile platforms with handrails; install these if the work area allows.

- Each employee who may work in an elevated position should have a safety harness and lanyard, and tie-off/anchor points need to be in place so lanyards can be attached.

- Signage, such as FALL PROTECTON REQUIRED HERE, and physical barriers stopping miners from entering fall hazard areas can prevent fatalities.