



# SAFETY ALERT

## NEAR MISS INVOLVING CONTINUOUS MINER POD

### INCIDENT:

While operating a 12CM12 bolter miner a piece of roof stone being conveyed up the centre chain contacted a one tonne materials pod on the side of the machine and lifted it off the location lugs and caused it to fall off one end of the machine.



### CIRCUMSTANCES

Two persons were in the vicinity of the miner. The miner driver could have been pinned under the pod had it fallen completely.

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## INVESTIGATION

The pod was not adequately retained

The miner driver was in a position which may have exposed him to injury  
Similar incidents have occurred at other mines while loading or unloading  
material pods.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Mines should review the design and construction of miner material pods.
- Mines should review procedures for loading and unloading miner material pods.
- Mines should review their procedures for identifying and controlling safe work zones around continuous miners.



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