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Choose to Use and You May Lose!!!

OAC 460:15-1-17: Alcohol or Hallucination Drugs – It shall be unlawful for anyone working in or around any mine site to use or be under the influence of alcohol or any chemical compound that is considered hallucinogenic.

Title 45, Section 905: The State Mining Board (Mining Commission) shall have the power to revoke any certificates, by it granted, because of incompetency, intoxication or other sufficient cause.

OAC 460:25-13-5(g): No person shall be allowed to handle or use explosives while under the influence of intoxicating liquors, narcotics, or other dangerous drugs.

According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, in 2015, 17.5% of mineworkers reported heavy alcohol use and 5% reported illicit drug use. One in 100 workers has an opioid use disorder. These numbers are rising!

With long hours, strenuous work and daily stresses, mining can be physically, mentally, and emotionally challenging, but using alcohol or drugs on the job is not smart or safe. Accidents can and will happen when you're impaired. Even if it is legal or prescribed, alcohol and drugs do NOT belong on the mine site!

For the safety of your co-workers, yourself, and your employment, Choose NOT to Use!