

## **805 KAR 3:020. General standards.**

RELATES TO: KRS 351.070

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 13A.100, 351.070

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT:

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: This administrative regulation establishes general operating safety standards controlling the operation of the Commonwealth's surface coal and clay mines, which include strip and auger mining operations.

### **Section 1. General Standards for Coal and Clay Mines.**

- (1) Each mine shall be under the supervision of a foreman certified under conditions set forth by the department. Where operations are so extensive that the foreman cannot personally visit all the mine workings, he/she shall employ certified assistants who shall be subject to the same requirements as the foreman.
  - (2) Each place of work shall be visited by a certified foreman or his/her assistant at the beginning of and at least once each shift and more frequently as necessary to ensure that work is being done in a safe manner.
  - (3) No employee shall be assigned, allowed, or be required to perform work alone in any area where hazardous conditions exist that would endanger his/her safety unless he/she can communicate with others, can be heard or can be seen.
  - (4) When work is performed after dark, the areas of drilling, blasting, stripping, and loading shall be properly illuminated.
  - (5) A certified person shall be in charge at all times when the mine is in operation.
  - (6) Where telephone service is not available, emergency communications shall be provided to the nearest point of assistance.
  - (7) Arrangements shall be made in advance for obtaining emergency medical assistance and transportation for injured persons.
- (SMS-12; 1 Ky.R. 848; eff. 5-14-1975; 11 Ky.R. 1895; eff. 7-9-1985; Crt eff. 6-27-2018; Crt eff. 4-22-2025.)