



Ohio Administrative Code Rule 1501:10-1-03 Tag lines and tie-off lines.

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(A) "Tag line" and "tie-off line" mean a durable rope or tether, or equivalent material, that allows members of a mine crew to link together while evacuating the mine during an emergency.

(B) A tag line or tie-off line is acceptable when it allows all members of a mine crew to physically link together while evacuating the mine during an emergency.

(C) The operator of an underground coal mine shall have, for each miner at the mine, tag lines or tie-off lines stored and available for emergency use and escape. The operator shall provide and employees of the mine shall use tag lines or tie-off lines in accordance with the requirements and procedures established in this rule. The operator shall provide and store tag lines and tie-off lines in accordance with the requirements of 30 C.F.R. 75.1714-6 and paragraphs (a)(1) and (b) of 30 C.F.R. 75.1714-4.

(D) Inspection and approval of the use of tag lines and tie-off lines in a mine. As part of the regular quarterly inspection of a mine pursuant to section 1561.31 of the Revised Code, a deputy mine inspector shall inspect tag lines and tie-off lines to verify that they meet the requirements of this rule and section 1567.64 of the Revised Code.
