

INQUIRY INTO COAL MINING INDUSTRY SAFETY

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Hi, I have worked on numerous Queensland mine sites as a Paramedic contractor operating from clinics and working with mines rescue teams. During my time approximately 8 years I was appalled at the amount of cover up by mines safety officers. To keep injury statistics lower. The safety officers would make all efforts to not allow a mine worker to see a Doctor as this would elevate the mine reporting. I have had mine workers come to me in private crying as their mine supervisor would make sure they did not see a Doctor or if they did the mine supervisor would make their life hell and the worker would leave. Between the mine safety officers and the workers supervisor the culture is rancid. As I am now retired I can speak up but if I was still employed I wouldn't dare to speak up as the mines control the contracts and they would cancel a contract or ban the Paramedic from site. Out of all the various mines I worked at BMA sites were the main offender to these disgusting events and bullying control. Regards, Retired Paramedic