



Mines and Quarries Act 1954

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MINES AND QUARRIES ACT 1954

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GENERAL DUTIES OF MINE AND QUARRY OWNERS

- 1 General duties of mine and quarry owners.

PART II

MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL (MINES)

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- 4 Qualifications of mine managers.
- 5 Limitation on number of mines which a person may manage.
- 6 Under-managers.
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- 9 Charge of mine when neither manager nor under-manager nor substitute is present.
- 10 Duties of mine managers with respect to reading of reports, &c.

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- 11 Surveyors.

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- 12 Deputies.
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- 14 Duty of mine manager to ensure that persons appointed by him understand their duties.

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- 16 Disqualification of contractors and their employees for appointment as managers, &c., of mines.

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- 17 Keeping of plans.
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- 23 Communications between shafts and outlets in coal, &c., mines.
- 24 Limitation on number of persons to be employed at coal, &c., mines in places with single exits.
- 25 Limitation on number of persons to be employed at coal, &c., mines in shafts and outlets and their insets.
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- 28 Provision of winding and haulage apparatus.
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Safety Precautions in connection with Shafts, &c., and Entrances to disused Workings

- 30 Securing of shafts and staple-pits.
- 31 Safety precautions with respect to entrances to shafts, staple-pits and outlets.
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- 33 Safety precautions with respect to entrances to unfit parts of mines.

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- 35 Height and width of travelling roads.
- 36 Prohibition of use of vehicles and conveyors in roads not affording free movement.
- 37 Transport rules.
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- 39 Provisions for securing safety of foot-passengers in transport roads.
- 40 Provision of refuge holes.
- 41 Safety measures relating to use of vehicles.

*Provisions for securing safe operation of Winding
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- 42 Charge of winding and rope haulage apparatus when persons are carried.
- 43 Charge of winding and rope haulage apparatus when persons are not carried.
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- 45 Signalling in shafts and outlets.
- 46 Signalling in roads.
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- 49 Systematic support in coal, shale and fireclay mines.
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- 69 Blasting materials and devices.

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- 70 Fire precautions in case of workings served by single intake airway.

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