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Mine Safety

The Iowa mine health and safety training program is conducted under the Iowa Department of Education, through the fifteen community colleges.

What is a Mine?

According to MSHA, mine development, rehabilitation activities, and exploration work at established mines fall in the scope of the ACT, as do milling activities. The types of mines under MSHA's jurisdiction include placer, dredge, and hydraulic operations, as well as sand and gravel pits, and quarries.

Who Has to Take the Training?

Under MSHA regulations, those who enter the fence on a mine site must take MSHA safety training. This includes regular visitors, such as maintenance and repair workers, equipment vendors, and custodial sanitization service providers. Additionally, anyone who visits the mine occasionally from customers to local road crews should take a new miner class before their first visit.

Which Course Do You Need?

- **New Miner Training** (Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977: Section 115(a))
 1. New miners having no underground mining experience shall receive no less than *40 hours* of training of which 8-hours must be completed at the mine site if they are to *work underground*.
 2. New miners having no surface mining experience shall receive no less than *24 hours* of training if they are to *work on the surface*, including time spent at the mine site for Introduction to the Work Environment.
- **Annual Refresher** (Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977: Section 115(a))
 3. All miners shall receive no less than 8 hours of refresher training no less frequently than once each 12 months.
- **Part 46:** Includes all miners and contractors who work at above ground mines.
- **Part 48a:** Includes those who work under ground in the underground mines.
- **Part 48b:** Includes those who work on the surface areas of underground mines.

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