

Required Anthracite Plan Approvals:	
Authority Section	Description
Act 178 Section 8	Emergency medical care which is equivalent to the requirement of the Act.
Act 729 Section 2	Mining within a safety zone.
Anthracite Coal Mine Act 346	
271	Roof Bolt Support Requirements: Should an operator desire to use roof bolts in lieu of props or timber as conventionally used, he shall not be permitted to do so unless permission in writing is first obtained from the Bureau of Mine Safety. The Bureau of Mine Safety shall grant such permission after it has received the approval of a commission of three mine inspectors, one of whom shall be the inspector in whose district the mine for which permission is sought to use roof bolts is located.
408	Boilers Generating Steam Not Less Than One Hundred Feet to Preparation Plant; Does Not Apply to Boilers Less Than Fifteen Pounds: It shall not be lawful to place any boiler or boilers, for the purpose of generating steam, under or nearer than one hundred feet to any preparation plant or other structure in which persons are employed in the preparation of coal. Provided that this section shall not apply to boilers or breakers already erected, and provided further that nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to apply to boilers carrying a pressure of not more than fifteen pounds per square inch, which are used for heating purposes and which are equipped with safety devices approved by the Bureau of Mine Safety.
411	Naptha in Lamp Houses Stored in Containers Not to Exceed Five Gallons: Naptha or other flammable liquids in lamp houses shall be kept in a suitable approved container or dispenser not to exceed five gallon capacity.
502	Main Fans Installed on Surface: Auxiliary fan underground to be fire-resistant. (a) All main fans shall be installed on the surface, in fire-resistant surroundings, and equipped with fire-resistant air ducts. Auxiliary fans installed underground shall be on positive intake air, in fire-resistant surroundings and in such location as to prevent recirculating the ventilating current. (b) Approved facilities shall be provided at main fans at a point or points under observation while men are in the mine, which shall give warning of an interruption to a fan. Where such facilities are not provided, an attendance shall be constantly kept on duty while men are in the mine.

514	Main Doors to Have Attendant: All main doors shall have an attendant whose constant duty shall be to open them for transportation and travel and prevent them from standing open longer than is necessary for persons or cars to pass through, unless a self-acting door is used which is approved by the inspector of the district.
702	Not Applicable to New Mine or Opening New Lift of a Mine: (a) When a new mine is to be opened or when a mine that has been idle or abandoned is to be reopened, no work will be permitted until a plan showing the two openings or outlets is submitted to and approved by the district mine inspector and the Bureau of Mine Safety. The plan shall also show the method of mining, ventilation, drainage and any other information deemed necessary by the district mine inspector. Approval or disapproval of the plan is to be submitted by the Bureau of Mine Safety to the operator in writing. Upon approval of the plan, no other work shall be permitted in the mine until both openings have been completed and approved by the district mine inspector and notification of the completion of the two openings and approval by the inspector forwarded to the Bureau of Mine Safety in writing. (b) In any mine or section of a mine in which the second outlet has been rendered inaccessible by reason of the final robbing of pillars, no further mining shall be done until a plan for the final mining of remaining pillars has been approved by a commission of state mine inspectors appointed by the Bureau of Mine Safety as provided for in this Act.
711	Handrails and Safety Catches to Be Attached to Cover Overhead: Every Cage Surface Landing and Other Landings of Shafts to Be Provided with Gates Controlled by Shaft Cage: Headman and Footman, Provided with Safety Headgear: Handrails and efficient safety catches shall be attached to, and a sufficient cover overhead shall be provided on, every cage used for lowering or hoisting persons in any shaft. The operator or superintendent of all mines shall see that the surface landing, and all other landings of shafts are, so far as practicable, provided with gates, controlled in such a fashion that they cannot be opened except when the shaft carriage is at that particular landing. Such gates, before being used, shall be first approved by the mine inspector. It shall be unlawful for any man, employed as a footman or headman at a shaft hoisting coal or other material, to work at the occupation, unless he has provided himself with a safety headgear or helmet or a design approved by the Bureau of Mine Safety, which headgear or helmet must be worn by him at all times while on duty (711 repealed insofar as inconsistent with 1 Pa.C.S. 2301(d), Oct. 4, 1978, P.L. 909, No. 173)

720	Persons Ascending or Descending Shaft or Slope; Headman or Footman Shall Notify Engineer: When any person is about to descend or ascend a shaft or slope, the headman or footman, as the case may be, shall inform the engineer by signal or otherwise of the fact, and the engineer shall return a signal before moving or starting the engine. In the absence of a headman or footman, the person or persons about to descend or ascend shall give and receive the signals in the same manner. At all shaft and slope landings where persons, coal or other material are hoisted or lowered by machinery, a system of signaling or code of signals, approved by the mine inspector of the district, shall be posted.
1115	Underground Power Supply:... (2) Installation of direct current and high voltage alternating current cables in the same borehole shall require approval of the Bureau of Mine Safety.
1118	Electrical Face Equipment:... (1) Trailing cables for face equipment shall be safely and efficiently insulated by a flame resistant material. They shall be approved by the Bureau of Mine Safety.
1129	Guarding: At all landings and partings or other places where men are required to regularly work or pass under trolley or other bare power wires, which are placed less than six and one-half feet above top of rail, a suitable protection shall be provided. This protection shall consist of placing boards along the wire, which boards shall not be more than five inches apart, nor less than two inches below the lowest point of the wire: Provided, That the distance between boards on curves may exceed five inches, but shall not exceed eight inches. This does not prohibit the use of other approved devices or methods furnishing equal or better protection. At all man trip loading and unloading stations, the trolley and bare power wires shall be guarded and sectionalizing switches installed to cut off the power in the trolley and bare power wire while loading or unloading is in progress.
1134	High Voltage Underground Transmission System:... (d) Installations at locations where cables cross haulageways or travelways or where equipment must pass over or under cable, shall have the approval of the district mine inspector. (e) High voltage cables shall be installed only in intake airways. They may be installed on intake haulageways only with written approval of the Bureau of Mine Safety. Such cable may be installed by hanging on suitable hooks or clamps, or by supporting by a suitable messenger cable, or by burying or by installation in metal conduit. When suspended, distance between supports shall not exceed twenty feet and they shall be so placed that they do not damage the cable jacket. When hung in a haulage entry containing a trolley wire, the cable shall be installed at least twelve inches from the trolley wire or feeder wires and away from the track.