

Preparation for Abandoned Mine Land Entry

At the end of this lesson, students should be able to summarize statutory and common sense entry requirements needed prior to underground entry and explain the importance of the statutory and common sense requirements.

Prior to leaving for the field, a good deal of preparation is required. Some of the basic preparatory tasks are researching the site, hazard training, both general and site specific, personal protective equipment inventory and condition assessment, establishing emergency services information, and paper work and supervisor approval.

Researching the target site should include procuring maps and any information that might be required on the maps, older existing reports regarding the site, and oral communications with past entrants or locals that might have some insight into the site you're going to visit. All of these can give insight into your target Abandoned Land Mine site. We'll be discussing some general hazard trainings later in this course.

Site specific hazard training is often prepared as part of the risk management worksheet by the team lead and should be reviewed during the tailgate safety meeting on site.

Let's go ahead and look at a typical tailgate session right now.