

CHAP. 124 as to obtain in cases of emergency a second way for egress from the workings. No part of said workings shall at any time be driven more than three hundred feet in advance of the aforesaid passageways, except entries, airways, or other narrow work, but should an opening to the surface be provided from the interior of the mine, the passageways aforesaid may be made and maintained therefrom into the working part of the mine, and this shall be deemed sufficient compliance with the provisions of this Act relative thereto; said two passageways shall be separated by pillars of coal or other strata of sufficient strength and width.

Section 209 D of Article 1 and Section 164 c of Article 12. **Overcast to be provided.** Where necessary to secure access to the two passageways required in any slope mine where the coal seam inclines and has workings on both sides of said slope, there shall be provided an overcast for the use of persons working therein, the dimensions of which shall not be less than four feet wide and five feet high. Said overcast shall connect the workings on both sides of said slope, and the intervening strata between the slope and overcast shall be of sufficient strength and thickness at all points for its purpose; provided, that if said overcast be substantially constructed it shall be deemed sufficient.

Section 209 E of Article 1 and Section 164 d of Article 12. **Machinery to be kept in a safe condition.** The machinery used for lowering or raising the employees into and out of the mines and the stairs used for ingress and egress shall be kept in a safe condition, and inspected once each twenty-four hours, by a competent person employed for the purpose; and such machinery and method of its inspection shall be approved by the Mine Inspector.

Section 209 F of Article 1 and Section 164 E of Article 12. **Number to be lowered or hoisted at any one time.** No greater number of persons shall be lowered or hoisted at any one time than may be permitted by the Mine Inspector, and notice of the number so allowed to be lowered or hoisted at any one time shall be kept posted up by the operator or superintendent in conspicuous places at the top and bottom of the shaft, and the aforesaid notice shall be signed by the Mine Inspector.

VENTILATION.

Section 209 G of Article 1 and Section 164 F of Article 12. **Ventilation.** The operator or superintendent of every coal mine, whether shaft, slope or drift, shall provide and hereafter maintain ample means of ventilation for the circulation of air through the main entries, cross entries and all other working places to an extent that will dilute, carry off and render harmless all noxious or dangerous gases generated in the mine, affording not less than one hundred cubic feet per minute for each and