

wherein gas may accumulate shall be properly fenced off and danger signals posted thereon.

SEC. 127. Employees shall immediately notify the mine foreman upon discovery of explosive or noxious gases, and shall see that no gas blowers are left burning upon leaving their working places. If gas is ignited by a blast or otherwise, such employee shall immediately extinguish the same, or if unable to do so, shall notify the mine foreman; and failure to give such notice shall be a misdemeanor.

SEC. 128. Whenever any working of a coal mine approaches a place suspected to contain any accumulation of explosive gases, or whenever a mine has been found to be gaseous, no light or lamp other than an approved safety lamp or other light approved shall be allowed or used.

SEC. 129. Whenever safety lamps are required to be used in any mine, such lamps shall be provided by the operator for maintenance and use of which actual cost may be charged; and of such lamps a quantity one-fourth larger than may be in immediate use shall always be kept on hand, ready for use. A competent person shall be appointed to examine every such safety lamp immediately before it is taken into the workings for use, who shall ascertain that such lamp is clean, safe and secure before it is used.

SEC. 130. No safety lamp shall be entrusted to any person for use in a mine, until said person has given satisfactory evidence to the mine foreman that he understands the proper use, and the danger of tampering with the same. No one, except a person authorized, shall have in his possession any key or other instrument for unlocking any safety lamp, while within any gaseous mine. Any person found, while within any such mine, to have any such key or other instrument for unlocking any safety lamp, or found opening or tampering with or to have tampered with any such lamp, or to have matches or any unauthorized lighting device in his possession, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor; and any operator or any person by such operator authorized, who shall fail to supply properly cleaned, safe and safely secured safety lamps for use in such mine whenever necessary, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor; *Provided*, that this shall not prohibit the use of a flame in the intake air only, for the purpose of making necessary repairs to machinery or wires, when in charge of persons authorized to do such work.