

(1) IT SHALL BE EQUIPPED WITH HOIST AND CAGE, OR WITH TRAVELABLE STAIRWAYS OR LADDERS. A SHAFT SUNK MORE THAN 30 FEET DEEP MAY NOT BE EQUIPPED WITH LADDERS.

(2) STAIRWAYS SHALL BE OF SUBSTANTIAL CONSTRUCTION, SET AT AN ANGLE NOT GREATER THAN 45° FROM THE HORIZONTAL AND EQUIPPED ON AT LEAST ONE SIDE WITH A SUITABLE HANDRAIL. LANDING PLATFORMS SHALL BE AT LEAST TWO FEET WIDE AND FOUR FEET LONG AND RAILED PROPERLY.

(3) LADDERS SHALL BE ANCHORED SECURELY.

(4) IF LADDERS, OR STAIRWAYS ARE INSTALLED IN AN ANGLE GREATER THAN 45°, THEIR USE MAY BE CONTINUED PROVIDED THEY ARE OF SUBSTANTIAL CONSTRUCTION, WITH PLATFORMS AT INTERVALS OF NOT MORE THAN 30 FEET AND EQUIPPED WITH A HANDRAIL IN THE CASE OF STAIRWAYS. IF A DESIGNATED ESCAPEWAY IS A SLOPE OF NOT MORE THAN 45°, IT SHALL BE EQUIPPED WITH A STAIRWAY OR ADEQUATE WALKWAY WITH CLEATS. IF THE SLOPE IS MORE THAN 45°, STAIRWAYS SHALL BE INSTALLED. DIRECTION SIGNS SHALL BE POSTED CONSPICUOUSLY TO INDICATE MAINWAYS AND DESIGNATED ESCAPEWAYS.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection presently appears as the second paragraph of Article 66C, section 546 of the Code. The only changes made are in style.

#### 7-408. TIMBERING SYSTEM.

(A) STANDARDS TO BE ADOPTED.—MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR SYSTEMATIC TIMBERING SUITABLE TO THE ROOF CONDITIONS AND MINING SYSTEM OF EACH MINE SHALL BE ADOPTED BY THE BUREAU AND COMPLIED WITH BY WORKERS AND OFFICIALS. ADDITIONAL TIMBERING SHALL BE DONE WHEREVER NECESSARY TO AFFORD ADEQUATE PROTECTION.

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#### (B) TIMBER SUPPLY AND TIMBERING.—

(1) AT OR NEAR THE FACE WORKINGS OF EACH MINE, THE MANAGEMENT SHALL PROVIDE AN AMPLE SUPPLY OF TIMBER AND CAP PIECES OR WEDGES OF PROPER SIZE WITH WHICH TO TIMBER ANY WORKING PLACE IN A SAFE MANNER.