

<u>DIVISION OF MINES GUIDELINES FOR APPLICATION OF REGULATORY STANDARDS MANUAL</u>	
COAL MINE SAFETY ACT	CHAPTER 14.3
ARTICLE 8	MINE OPENINGS AND ESCAPEWAYS
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Section 45.1-161.162.A.

Mine Openings

Except as provided in 45.1-161.164, there shall be two travelways, entries or openings to the surface from each section of a mine worked. All longwall panels shall be developed with at least three entries, however, if new technology becomes available pursuant to which two entry systems may be safely developed, such technology may be used, with the approval of the Chief.

- The inspector should determine that there are at least two separate travelways readily available for travel to the surface from all working places.
- Capsules or buckets used for emergency escape in shaft mines should not be considered one of the travelways unless they meet the requirements set forth for equipment used for hoisting miners.
- Capsules or buckets used for emergency escape that do not meet the requirements of 45.1-161.155.C. for hoisting miners should only be deemed as acceptable for use in the case of an emergency.

Note: Section 45.1-161.155.C. Cages used for hoisting miners shall be equipped with safety catches that act quickly and effectively in case of an emergency. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to capsules or buckets used for emergency escape or shaft sinking.

