

Practical "DONT'S" for Dawson, NM, coal miners (from 1923)

- **DON'T abuse a mule with a strap. Push on the car and help him; he is helping you.**
- **DON'T pass by a misplaced tie or rock in the main hallway. It will stop the motor and delay your turn on cars. Push the obstructions aside.**
- **DON'T pass a rock hanging from the roof without notifying the mine boss immediately. Practice "safety first" always.**
- **DON'T cut ties in two in order to lay a rail; cut under the tie so that it may be used again.**
- **DON'T put the small end of a timber up; put the big end up.**
- **DON'T lay track so close to a rib that a car will not pass.**
- **DON'T cut a cross bar too deep; it will eventually weaken and slip.**
- **DON'T leave machine cuttings in your place; it may cause you and others trouble.**
- **DON'T cut off your shooting wires in order to get them out of your way; pull them out from under the coal, roll-them up and hang them on a post.**
- **DON'T abuse your boss when he is giving you advise for your own good.**

Observance of the above don'ts will make for mine efficiency and will bring the satisfaction of having done a day's work for a day's pay.

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