

**TITLE 19       NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE**  
**CHAPTER 6    MINE SAFETY**  
**PART 5        NEW MEXICO MINE SAFETY CODE FOR ALL MINES INCLUDING OPEN-CUT AND OPEN-PIT**

**19.6.5.1       ISSUING AGENCY:** Mining Safety Board.  
[06/01/08; 19.6.5.1 NMAC - Rn, 19.7.20.1 NMAC, 9/30/08]

**19.6.5.2       SCOPE:** All owners, employees and visitors of mining operations in New Mexico, utilizing hoist to access underground mining operations.  
[06/01/08; 19.6.5.2 NMAC - Rn, 19.7.20.2 NMAC, 9/30/08]

**19.6.5.3       STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** Section 69-8-4 NMSA 1978.  
[06/01/08; 19.6.5.3 NMAC - Rn, 19.7.20.3 NMAC, 9/30/08]

**19.6.5.4       DURATION:** Permanent.  
[06/01/08; 19.6.5.4 NMAC - Rn, 19.7.20.4 NMAC, 9/30/08]

**19.6.5.5       EFFECTIVE DATE:** 06/01/08, unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.  
[06/01/08; 19.6.5.5 NMAC - Rn, 19.7.20.5 NMAC, 9/30/08]

**19.6.5.6       OBJECTIVE:** Maintain a system of uniform hoist signals for all underground mines.  
[06/01/08; 19.6.5.6 NMAC - Rn, 19.7.20.6 NMAC, 9/30/08]

**19.6.5.7       DEFINITIONS:** [RESERVED]

**19.6.5.8       SIGNALS FOR ALL MINES.** The following signal code shall be used in all mines:  
    **A.**        1 bell, stop immediately if in motion; 1-2-1 bells, hoist muck; 2-1-2 bells, release cage, skip or bucket; 2 bells, lower; 3-1 bells, hoist persons; 3-2 bells, lower persons, if bells rung slowly move slowly; 7 bells, danger signal, followed by station signal calls cage to that station. This signal takes precedence over all other except an accepted blasted signal.  
    **B.**        Additional mine specific signals may be used if approved by the state mine inspector.  
    **C.**        Automated hoists shall be exempt from compliance with the bell signal requirements.  
[06/01/08; 19.6.5.8 NMAC - Rn, 19.7.20.8 NMAC, 9/30/08]

**HISTORY OF 19.6.5 NMAC:**

**Pre-NMAC History:**

Rule MI 81-1, New Mexico Mine Safety Code for All Mines Including Open-cut and Open-pit, filed 5/11/1981.

**History of Repealed Material:**

Rule MI 81-1, New Mexico Mine Safety Code for All Mines Including Open-cut and Open-pit (filed 5/11/1981) repealed 06/01/08.

**Other History:**

Rule MI 81-1, New Mexico Mine Safety Code for All Mines Including Open-cut and Open-pit (filed 5/11/1981) was replaced by 19.7.20 NMAC, New Mexico Mine Safety Code for All Mines Including Open-cut and Open-pit, effective 06/01/08.

19.7.20 NMAC, New Mexico Mine Safety Code for all Mines Including Open-Cut and Open-Pit (filed 4/8/2008) was renumbered to 19.6.5 NMAC, New Mexico Mine Safety Code for all Mines Including Open-Cut and Open-Pit, effective 9/30/2008.