

40-2-302 Reporting of an unsafe condition in coal mines -- Adverse action prohibited.

- (1) Subject to the other provisions of this section, upon the office's receipt of information from a person of a possible unsafe condition in a coal mine located in Utah, the office may:
 - (a) notify the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration;
 - (b) notify another appropriate federal, state, or local government agency;
 - (c) contact the operator of the coal mine;
 - (d) refer the information to the council on a confidential basis; or
 - (e) take any other authorized action.
- (2) The commission, council, or office may not disclose or otherwise make public the identity of a person who reports a possible unsafe condition in a coal mine located in Utah unless that person authorizes the commission, council, or office to disclose the person's identity.
- (3) A coal mine operator may not take adverse action against a person because that person:
 - (a) reports an alleged unsafe mine condition; or
 - (b) testifies, assists, or participates in any manner in an investigation, proceeding, or hearing under this chapter.

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