

**WORKSAFE SERVICES DIVISION
OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY
LEGISLATIVE INTERPRETATIONS**



Topic	Bootleg - Definition	Issued by: V.P., WorkSafe Services
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“bootleg” means a remnant of a blast-hole that has been charged and fired and that has been determined not to contain any explosive after a charge has been fired;

Question

Does the definition of “bootleg” include the side wall of the blast hole that is completely exposed by the blast?

Response:

The purpose of the definition is to protect workers from the dangers of working near explosives that may remain after a blast. As the side wall of a blast hole that remains on the side, ceiling or floor of the blast area is completely exposed, not likely to contain explosives, and easily inspected, a bootleg is the end portion of a drilled hole that remains on the drilling face when the blast does not break the rock completely to the end of the drilled limit of the hole. A bootleg is not the remnant of the sidewall where the blast has occurred.