# WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §37-5-1

**§37-5-1. Excavations near boundaries.**

No owner or tenant of any land containing coal shall open or sink, or dig, excavate or work in, any coal mine or shaft on such land, within five feet of the line dividing such land from that of another person or persons, without the consent in writing of every person interested in, or having title to, such adjoining lands in possession, reversion, or remainder, or of the guardian of any such persons as may be an infant, or the committee of any such person as may be insane or convict. If any person shall violate this section, he shall forfeit $500 to any person injured thereby who may sue for the same.

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