

## SE TX OSHA Five Things to Know (October 2022)

An overview of what is happening in regards to safety in SE Texas and OSHA



### 1 – October 2022 Preliminary Fatalities/Catastrophes\* (10)

#### Construction

- **NAICS 238910** – Company drilling pier holes with 30” auger and lost sight of the helper who was found 6’-7’ inside the hole.
- **NAICS 237110** – Employee was in a trench to tie in waterlines when a side of the trench collapsed.
- **NAICS 238320** – Employee was painting in a residence and a shotgun the owner had propped against the wall fell and discharged.
- **NAICS 2387910** – Employee was in an excavation on a compactor when the excavation collapsed pinning him against the machine.

#### General Industry

- **NAICS 812930** – Owner went on top of roof to tell a construction worker to move their car and fell through the roof.
- **NAICS 488510** – A driver struck the back of a box truck occupied by an employee in a construction work zone.
- **NAICS 561730** – Employee was on driver’s side of end dump truck trailer when it tilted and crushed him.
- **NAICS 721110** – Eleven 100 lb. boxes of glass shower doors fell on an employee.
- **NAICS 488320** – Employee struck by rail car during switching operations.
- **NAICS 423830** – Employee finished doing a thermal spray application and lost consciousness and later died.

### 2 – Data Spotlight

- BLS 2021 industry incident rates released  
<https://www.bls.gov/iif/nonfatal-injuries-and-illnesses-tables.htm#dafw>

### 3 – Useful Tips

The Holiday Season is here and its important to remember safety both at home and at work.

OSHA Holiday Safety

<https://www.osha.gov/holiday-safety>

Ready.gov

<https://www.ready.gov/holiday-safety-social-media-toolkit>

National Neighborhood Watch

<https://www.nnw.org/holiday-safety>

National Safety Council

<https://www.nsc.org/community-safety/safety-topics/seasonal-safety/winter-safety/holiday>

### 4 – October 2022 Preliminary Serious Incident Reports (37 Reports)

**Construction (11 Reports)** – There were five falls including two instances of a fall from a rooftop access ladder, a vehicle, 13’ from installed decking, and off the roof of a two story house. There were three caught between cases involving a handrail and a dredge screen, a truck on stands pushed over by a tractor that lunged forward, and a mold and a press brake. There were two struck by injuries, one when a beam rolled while being held up by a crane and the other when I-beams shifted when they were being set down with a forklift. There was one electrical incident involving an arc flash when a part was removed from an energized transformer.

**General Industry (26 Reports)** – There were fourteen caught between incidents involving pole being lifted into a pole cradle, a leg hanging off the side of a stand-up reach truck, a forklift and a dumpster, a bolster and a chain, a hammer mill, a glove caught in a tube expander, a part flying out of a grinder, rolling pipes, a rolling gate, a PIT and a pole, the fold area of a dock plate, a lift cable and a truck, a gloved hand in a lifting strap/lifting hook on an overhead crane, and a crane hook that rotated while holding the safety latch. Four falls occurred while climbing a ladder on a truck, stairs on a deck, a trip over walkie-rider and was then struck by another one, and a scaffold. Four struck by events involving a sliding pipe clamp, fabric cutting machine which fell, a stand up forklift when they stepped off while it was moving, and a forklift driven off a dock. Four other incidents involved hot water burns while inspecting an ash system, a flash fire while connecting a gas line, sulfuric acid exposure in waste water treatment facility, and an exposure to aniline while disconnecting a hose.

### 5 – Enforcement

- Changes to OSHA’s Severe Violator Enforcement Program to strengthen enforcement, improve compliance  
<https://www.osha.gov/news/newsreleases/national/09152022>

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