

SE TX OSHA Four Things to Know (February 2022)

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



1 – February 2022 Preliminary Fatalities/Catastrophes* (8)

Construction

- **NAICS 238190** – Employee fell out of bed of ATV and hit head on a rock
- **NAICS 238320** – Employee wedged between I-beam in pipe rack and man lift controls
- **NAICS 237310** – Employee struck by vehicle as he exited a diesel truck on a newly built unused highway

General Industry

- **NAICS 488390** – Employee conducting maintenance on a semi-trailer was run over by the trailer
- **NAICS 712120** – Worker fell 30' from museum ship to the deck
- **NAICS 611620** – Worker was skydiving and their parachute didn't open
- **NAICS 332322** – Employee on a wet sheet metal roof fell 36'
- **NAICS 531110** – Leasing employee shot in their office

2 – Useful Tips

Ever wondered about workers compensation lost workday cases and injury medical costs? TX Department of Insurance has a very neat database that can be searched similar to BLS. Look under 'Workers' Compensation Claims Data Query Tool':

<https://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/safety/sis/index.html>

April 11-15 is Workzone and Struck-By Safety Week

<https://www.nwzaw.org>

<https://www.cpwr.com/research/research-to-practice-r2p/r2p-library/other-resources-for-stakeholders/struck-by-hazards/>

3 – February 2022 Preliminary Serious Incident Reports (33 Reports)

Construction (10 Reports) – Five falls involving removing a manhole cover and falling in, 15' fall while changing tie-off points, falling backwards through attic stairway while installing AC unit, an 8' fall off of a ladder, and a trip while using a pry bar. There were three caught between incidents including a swinging crane load and a pile of counterweights, a truck bed and tailgate, and benched soil that fell into the trench box. Two struck by incidents occurred involving a worker struck by unspecified object and a milling machine that ran over a foot.

General Industry (23 Reports) – Eight caught between incidents with moving 55 gallon drums, a vertical turret lathe, a chuck and part on a CNC machine, an inner post and strut extension on a pipe puller, a ramshaft and tailstock on a CNC machine, apron caught in a rotating round bar on threading machine, a milling machine and a pry bar, and a wrench and rotating drum. Six falls including off the back of a truck, a trip over a board, fall over a chair in a dark room, a trip over an anti-fatigue mat, a fall off a ladder when the feet slipped out, and a fall when the stairs collapsed where zip ties were used to secure it instead of pins. There were six 'other' incidents involving a chemical burn while mixing chemicals, back pain while unloading from a truck, a flash fire in a dust collection system, a hernia from unloading steel strapping, chest pain/internal bleeding while rigging bars, and fainting while unloading a trailer. There were three struck by cases where a worker tried to catch a falling dock plate, a piston on landing gear while performing maintenance, and an unspecified cut on the leg.

4 – Enforcement

- Proposed rule to update P.I.T. standard for general industry and construction. Comments due by May 17, 2022
<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/02/16/2022-01155/powered-industrial-trucks-design-standard-update>

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