

SE TX OSHA Four Things to Know (April 2022)

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



1 – April 2022 Preliminary Fatalities/Catastrophes* (5)

Construction

- **NAICS 238160** – Worker installing fascia on residential home stepped on it. It gave way and they fell to the concrete below.
- **NAICS 238160** – Worker fell 32' through a skylight while using a scarfing machine.
- **NAICS 238210** – Worker using metal ladder while replacing light valances. Wiring was live and he was electrocuted.

General Industry

- **NAICS 321113** – Worker was inspecting a timing chain which was in operation. He climbed the frame and a carriage bar struck and pinned his head against the frame.
- **NAICS 493110** – A worker was walking when a forklift with a load of plywood was approaching them. He yelled to the forklift and the operator pressed the brakes. The load slid off the forks and struck him.

2 – Campaigns and Safety Events

June 1st is the start of hurricane season. Get prepared:

<https://www.weather.gov/safety/hurricane>

<https://disastersafety.org/hurricane/>

June 14th National Forklift Safety Day

<https://www.indtrk.org/national-forklift-safety-day>

June 20-24 National Trench Safety Stand Down

<https://www.nuca.com/tssd>

More information and resources will be coming

3 – April 2022 Preliminary Serious Incident Reports (24) Reports)

Construction (3 Reports) – Two struck by incidents involving a nail in a board lacerating an eye while taking down a scaffold and a worker riding on the back of a forklift and fell or jumped off and his foot was run over by the back tire. There was one fall off a 10' ladder.

General Industry (21 Reports) – Eight caught between incidents involving a glove caught in a rotating rod on a roller threader, an unsecured pallet on a cherry picker forklift hit a worker foot when it hit the rack, an air controlled valve that closed on a finger, hand between the deck and chain while pulling a pump for repair, laceration between two pallet jacks, lost control of a pallet jack and a foot caught between the jack and wall, finger in a circuit breaker mechanism, and an arm between rollers on a Styrofoam extruder. Seven struck by cases including a truck rolling backwards and load shifted when brakes were hit and vehicle overturned, a tool pushed out due to a misalignment in a mold, an assembly that became unscrewed during an air purge of a vessel, a hand placed on a conveyor guard that was rotten, hands caught under a dough cutting blade, a forklift backed up on a worker's foot, and a knife while butterflying a filet. There were four falls involving a 30' ladder that slipped, stepping into an 18"x16" platform opening, a truck ramp, and a 5' fall from a ramp where the guardrails had been removed. There were two other incidents involving a snake bite while reaching into a bush and contact with p-tert-butylphenol while clearing a line.

4 – Enforcement

- National Emphasis Program – Outdoor and Indoor Heat-Related Hazards
https://www.osha.gov/sites/default/files/enforcement/directives/CPL_03-00-024.pdf

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