

SE TX OSHA Four Things to Know (May 2023)

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



1 – May 2023 Preliminary Fatalities/Catastrophes* (4)

Construction NAICS 238130 – Employees framing a house took shelter on the first floor when a severe thunderstorm came in. The structure collapsed killing two employees and injuring seven others.

General Industry NAICS 325110 – Maintenance employee trapped on an elevated structure when a naphtha pump on the ground caught fire and the fire spread. Two other contractors were hospitalized.

General Industry NAICS 325510 – Painter spray coating parts and wearing a respirator when they started feeling chest pains. They used their inhaler but passed out and later died.

General Industry 562998 – Employee was struck by an articulated wheeled front-end loader that was backing up.

3 – May 2023 Preliminary Serious Incident Reports (29 Reports)

Construction (4 Reports) – There were two falls involving a scaffold and trip and fall while removing a t-post from the ground. Two struck-by incidents occurred, one from a concrete bucket when operator was asked to swing the bucket and lowered it instead and the other incident involved a hand saw while cutting wood.

General Industry (25 Reports) – There were nine caught-between incidents involving a wood board and slow rotating round table, a block saw and the framework while performing maintenance, a CNC motor and side of the machine when the stop button was pressed it cycled to the home position during troubleshooting, a winder machine when they put their hand on rotating equipment, a belt and roller on a conveyor while servicing it, a transformer that fell while putting a spacer under it and the crowbar slipped, a catering truck and a pallet when the pallet rolled to the end of the dolly, a mast of a forklift while hooking and unhooking supersacks, and a shifting load of round board while trying to remove a strap hanging off the bottom of the load. There were eight struck-by injuries involving a 24"x52.5" pipe that slipped from the discharge rails, while moving a steel beam, a crane when they got out of the truck to locate a container for the crane operator, a case that tilted while being unloaded from a trailer with a forklift, a standup forklift operator struck by another stand-up forklift when they stepped off, a dock plate that fell while lifting it, a patient that rolled out of bed, and a bucket that fell on a forklift when they removed the hydraulics hose and lost pressure. Six falls occurred from a slip and fall while changing hoses on box cars, a ladder when they leaned over to fix something, off a roof when they slipped while bending over to install the PFAS anchor, a trip on an anti-fatigue mat, a fall while trying to enter a moving vehicle during a WPV incident, and a slip and fall from water on the floor someone had spilled. There were two 'other' incidents where a worker suddenly collapsed and two workers suffering burns and smoke inhalation from a fire that started on a pump and spread.

4 – OSHA Trade Release

- Request for Input on Effectiveness of Leading Indicators to Improve and Develop Resource Tools
<https://www.osha.gov/news/newsreleases/trade/05172023>

2 – Publications Spotlight

Worker Exposure to Disease-Carrying Ticks
https://www.osha.gov/sites/default/files/publications/OSHA_FS-4190.pdf

<https://www.osha.gov/sites/default/files/publications/OSHAIFS4223.pdf>

Using Leading Indicators to Improve Safety and Health Outcomes (See #4)

https://www.osha.gov/sites/default/files/publications/OSHA_Leading_Indicators_Guidance-07-03-2019.pdf

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