

SE TX OSHA Four Things to Know (December 2022)

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



1 – December 2022 Preliminary Fatalities/Catastrophes* (4)

Construction – None

General Industry NAICS 531120 – Employee on a tractor struck by a tree that fell from an adjacent property.

General Industry NAICS 213112 – Two workers died when a pipe ruptured at a pumping station that was attached to a Christmas tree to relieve pressure in preparation for installing a blow-out preventor.

General Industry NAICS 423930 – Driver died when a 35k lb. spool was being loaded into a 20' container when the spool fell and pushed the container and truck forward.

General Industry NAICS 811111 – Employee was airing up a large tire which exploded, and he was struck by the tire rim.

2 – Publications Spotlight

NIOSH Protecting Temporary Workers: Best Practices for Host Employers Toolkit (Document, Checklists, Slide Deck)

<https://www.cdc.gov/nora/councils/serv/protectingtemporaryworkers/host-employers.html>

3 – What's Coming Up

February 1st

Posting of the OSHA 300A Annual Summary

March 2nd

Electronic submission of OSHA 300A data for large and select high hazard industries.

Don't Wait until the Last Minute!

The OSHA Injury Tracking Application (ITA) has transitioned its login procedure to the public's one account access to government applications, Login.gov. All current and new account holders must connect their ITA account to a Login.gov account with the same email address to access the application for the 2023 collection of Calendar Year 2022 Form 300A data.

<https://www.osha.gov/injuryreporting>

4 – December 2022 Preliminary Serious Incident Reports (31 Reports)

Construction (7 Reports) – Four fall incidents involving a fall while changing bolts on erected steel, from an elevated forklift basket that slipped off the forks, a fixed ladder, and a scooter that was being towed. Two struck-by incidents occurred involving a sledgehammer being used to adjust an I-beam and a hatch that was opened on a pressurized blast pot. One caught-between incident occurred when they lost control of a loaded flat cart while going down a ramp.

General Industry (24 Reports) – There were seven struck-by incidents involving contact with manual tongs on a rig floor, a track on a vehicle which shifted a large wood mat, a fiber conduit reel which tipped over while being unloaded from a utility trailer, a forklift while operating a pallet jack, a load being set down while adjusting blocks underneath, a power saw, and a forklift backing out that slipped on condensation on the dock floor. Six caught-between injuries occurred with a wrench and Christmas tree, reaching into moving equipment, a cement pole and a stand-up forklift, rollers on an embossing machine, a wrench and a chuck jaw while tightening, and a glove pulled into a drill. Four other incidents occurred involving burns from a caustic while changing a pump, burns when clothes were ignited by an open flame heater, an allergic reaction to exterminator spray, and an attack by a passenger on a bus. One electrical incident involving burns while getting into position to apply a ground to a power line conductor.

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