

SE TX OSHA Four Things to Know (April 2023)

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



1 – April 2023 Preliminary Fatalities/Catastrophes* (7)

Construction

- **NAICS 238220** – Employee was unwinding wire for an AC thermostat while walking backwards and fell two stories to the ground below after tripping on a short parapet wall.
- **NAICS 238210** - Employee who had been wiring a junction box was found unresponsive at the foot of the ladder.

General Industry

- **NAICS 332722** – Employee was operating a drill press/nut tapper when their hair got caught in the machine causing multiple injuries to the face and head.
- **NAICS 336412** - Employee was performing normal work duties when he was fatally shot.
- **NAICS 561730** - Employee 20' up in a tree, trimming a branch. The falling branch struck the tree causing it to fall with him attached to it with his harness.
- **NAICS 562219** - Employee pinned between cab and body of cab-over front-end loader.
- **NAICS 926150** - Employee had just finished emptying a 5-gallon cylinder which previously contained LPG in a fume hood. When the cylinder was set on the ground, they noticed sparks and a fire followed, burning three employees.

2 – **Useful Tip** National Forklift Safety Day June 13th <http://www.indtrk.org/> SE TX Flyer on P.I.T.'s coming soon

3 – April 2023 Preliminary Serious Incident Reports (36 Reports)

Construction (13 Reports) – Four caught between incidents involving a manlift and plywood forms, a shifting spool on forklift when cribbing was adjusted, a bridge and aerial lift bucket during an inspection, and a fuel truck backing up and the vehicle he was loading. Three falls involving a mini track hoe on an incline while climbing inside (landed on push blade), fall through attic sheetrock while running conduit, and fall from second floor while using stilts. Three struck-by injuries including an unbalanced 50' long 3,000 lb. signal pole that fell off the forklift, and chain link fence guide wire tip striking their face. Two electrical incidents involving installing cables from a manlift, and the cable contacted the overhead powerlines 14' 6" away and a aerial lift basket which swung into overhead lines. One other incident is an unknown leg injury (NFI).

General Industry (23 Reports) – Ten struck by incidents occurred involving high pressure water when he slipped, a moving unifiller depositor, a lathe being moved on skates that fell when a hammer used to adjust direction knocked the skate out, sand blaster while unclogging the nozzle, a bandsaw while cutting pig tails, a container loader that shifted while using a board to leverage a pallet in, a pipe that rolled while putting a sling on, rebar that went flying while using a bushhog attachment, struck and dragged by a material handler, a bullet when an employee was showing off his gun. Seven caught between injuries with a gate and channel iron while branding calves, a pipe rack and pipe that rolled, an air cylinder that actuated lowering an arm on the machine, grating and angle iron that was on a skid, a spindle on a drill machine and the oil splash guard, a pinch point on a tire machine, and a pallet jack and a pallet when they panicked and put their foot out during training. Four 'other' incidents involved a who twisted around to look and fractured her leg, an exposure to sodium hydrosulfide fumes when they opened the valve at the wash rack, a driver who stopped to help a senior citizen bitten by a dog, and a lab employee shaking a sample of fuel oil splashed in the face when the lip came off. Two falls occurred involving stairs when they lost their balance and a worker's leg gave out and they fell breaking a hip.

4 – Enforcement

- US Department of Labor announces National Emphasis Program (NEP) to reduce and prevent workplace falls https://www.osha.gov/sites/default/files/enforcement/directives/CPL_03-00-025.pdf

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