

## SE TX OSHA Four Things to Know (July 2024)

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



### 1 – July 2024 Preliminary Fatalities/Catastrophes\* (7)

**Construction NAICS 238990** – Aerial lift jolted and employee struck head on basket control panel and fell forward over the basket suspended by his foot.

**Construction NAICS 238160** – Employee replacing fiberglass skylights stepped on a panel and fell 26’.

**Construction NAICS 238160** – Employee un-drilling metal sheets on roof and fell 25’ through the roof.

**Construction NAICS 236118** - Employee removing fence posts fell into an ant pile and fell unconscious.

**General Industry NAICS 488410** – Tow truck driver shot when confronted by person attempting to retrieve a vehicle from impound yard.

**General Industry NAICS 447110** – Gas station clerk shot during a robbery.

**General Industry NAICS 445120** – Store clerk shot during possible robbery.

### 2 – OSHA Publications Spotlight

Injury & Illness Recordkeeping Forms - 300, 300A, 301

<https://www.osha.gov/sites/default/files/OSHA-RK-Forms-Package.pdf>

Best Practices for Non-Health Care Employers with On-site Health Care Services

<https://www.osha.gov/sites/default/files/publications/OSHA3160.pdf>

### 3 – Reminders



September is National Preparedness Month  
<https://www.ready.gov/september>



October is National Protect Your Hearing Month  
<https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/niose/index.html>

### 4 – July 2024 Preliminary Serious Incident Reports (28 Reports)

**Construction (6 Reports)** – Three ‘**struck by**’ incidents involving lancets in a garbage disposal when maintenance reached in during repairs, a manway blind that fell on their foot while moving it, and a trip block that fell when the wire holding the cable snapped. One ‘**caught between**’ occurred involving fingers caught in a trailer hitch while hooking up a utility trailer. One ‘**fall**’ occurred when worker fell off a skid steer. One ‘**other**’ incident occurred when worker was heading home after work and suffered heat exhaustion symptoms.

**General Industry (22 Reports)** – Six ‘**struck by**’ incidents occurred when the end of a tool joint broke off causing it to swing during winching operations, a loaded forklift driving forward with an obstructed view, a side-by-side utility vehicle that struck a tanker trailer, a machine cell that was turned on when they were inside striking them causing them to fall and hit their head, a piston puller that fell over when it was caught by rigging chains being relocated, and 4’x6’ piece of lumber being pulled from a shelf which fell. Six ‘**other**’ incidents occurred including three heat related illnesses, a forklift operator possible exposed to carbon monoxide in a warehouse with doors closed to keep the area cool, a bucket of caustic that spilled when they were carrying it and their pants leg caught on connector valve, and a back strain while lifting a printer. Five ‘**caught between**’ involving a log cutting/moving machine that moved when the electrician troubleshooting a valve and inserted an electric plug back into the valve, hoisting slings while moving a 15’ long paper roll with a crane, a crane hook and storage hook while putting it away, a compactor blade on sanitation truck when they reached in to push falling contents back into the hopper, and a motor pulley while attaching a blower to a mower. Four ‘**falls**’ including a trip and fall over a plastic strap on the floor, off a platform ladder while tightening a bolt and wrench slipped, a 3’ fall while retrieving items from a second level without using a step ladder, and an 8’ fall off a ladder while attempting to cut a tree branch. One ‘**electrical**’ shock while repairing a junction box cover and they pushed the wires back inside.

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