

ACCIDENT REPORT

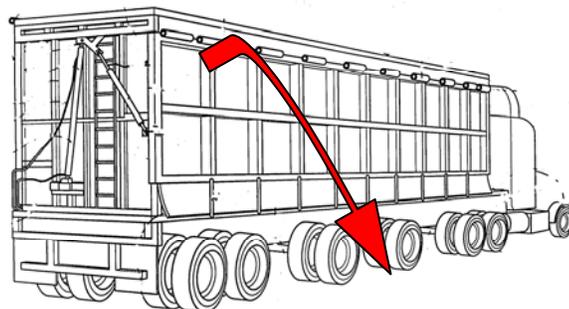
DISASTER FACTS



• U.S. Department of Labor • Occupational Safety and Health Administration • Kansas City Region VII No. 132

ACCIDENT SUMMARY

Accident Type: Fall, same level
Weather Conditions: Wind 5.8 MPH, 80 Degrees, Dry
Type of Operation: Road Construction Company
Size of Work Crew: 1
Union or Non-Union: Non-Union
Worksite inspection conducted: Yes
Competent safety monitoring on-site: Yes
Safety and Health Program in effect: Yes
Training and education for employees: Yes
Craft of deceased employee: Truck Driver
Age/Sex: 57/Male
Time on job: + 20 years
Time at task: 5 minutes



BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

The employee was opening the trailer truck tarp to cover his load using a manual crank handle. As he was operating the crank, the pin in the splined u-joint separated from the crank handle extension. This caused the employee to lose his balance and fall backward (same level), striking his head on the pavement

ACCIDENT PREVENTION RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Employer should inspect equipment per manufacturer's recommendations to ensure serviceability [General Duty Clause 5(a)(1)]
2. Employer should install appropriate warning, caution or other placards, decals per 29 CFR 1926.200(a).

YOU HAVE A VOICE IN THE WORKPLACE

THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT OF 1970 affords workers the right to a safe workplace. OSHA requires employers to provide a workplace that is free of serious recognized hazards and in compliance with OSHA standards. Workers have the right to FILE A COMPLAINT WITH OSHA if they believe that there are either violations of OSHA standards or serious workplace hazards. Contact the [OSHA Area office](#) nearest you or contact our toll free number: 1-800-321-OSHA (6742)... TTY 1-877-889-5627.

To file a complaint online or obtain information on your rights in the workplace, see [OSHA's Worker Rights page](#).

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OSHA-funded free consultation services are listed in telephone directories under U.S. Labor Department or under the state government section where states administer their own OSHA programs.

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Note: This case described was selected as being representative of improper work practices which likely contributed to a fatality from an accident. The accident prevention recommendations do not necessarily reflect the outcome of the legal aspects of the incident case. OSHA encourages your company or organization to duplicate and share this information. To be placed on the email distribution list, contact Peggy Taylor at U.S. Department of Labor-OSHA, 2300 Main, Suite 1010, Kansas City, MO 64108, or e-mail taylor.peggy@dol.gov.