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WHAT’S HAPPENING

Michigan Worker Deaths of 2017

The 11th, 12th, 13th, and 14th reported Michigan worker deaths of 2017 occurred on June 27, July 10, July 19, and July 20. The information below shares preliminary details about the most recent fatalities reported to the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA) which is believed to be covered by the MIOSH Act. The description reflects information provided to Miosha at the initial report of the incident and is not the result of the official Miosha investigation.

Preliminary summary of incident #11: On June 27, 2017, at approximately 5:00 a.m., a 64-year-old oven operator was moving a couple of tractor/trailers at the shipping/receiving dock. He unhooked one trailer from the tractor, then reconnected the tractor to a second trailer. He was in the process of pulling that tractor/trailer out from the dock. The door to the cab of the tractor was open. It appears he fell out of the cab and was run over by the same vehicle. The vehicle kept moving after it ran over him. It was found approximately 150 feet east of the scene of the accident, stopped across the road. No one witnessed the accident, but a co-worker found the oven operator on the ground after hearing the landing gear from the trailer dragging across the pavement. The vehicle was running and in gear, but the landing gear on the trailer finally stopped the tractor from going all the way across the road. EMS was called. They were unable to revive the oven operator at the scene.

Preliminary summary of incident #12: On July 5, 2017, a 45-year-old journeyman/technician was replacing a 4800 volt transformer when he made contact with a live/energized component. He was found unresponsive by a co-worker. A defibrillator was used and CPR performed until emergency medical personnel arrived. The journeyman/technician was transported to a local hospital where he succumbed to his injuries at approximately 2:30 p.m. on July 10, 2017.

Preliminary summary of incident #13: On July 19, 2017, at approximately 11:10 a.m., a 44-year-old journeyman lineman was working in the air in a bucket. Two other workers on the ground heard a noise and saw the lineman down in the bucket. The lineman was lowered down by the workers on the ground, who performed bucket rescue and CPR. Emergency services were called and the lineman was pronounced dead in the ambulance on the way to the hospital.

Preliminary summary of incident #14: On July 20, 2017, at approximately 5:00 p.m., a crew of four were in an 18-foot boat after completion of spraying for weeds. The foreman had difficulty
getting the boat to start. The cord came off of the motor and fell into the water. The foreman jumped into the water to retrieve the cord, had difficulty in the water due to drifting. The 28-year-old environmental chemical application employee jumped into the water to assist the foreman, gave the foreman a life jacket, began to have difficulty himself, submerged and was not recovered until July 21, 2017.

There were 43 MIOSHA-related deaths in 2016. 2009 saw the lowest number with 24. Every life is precious. Our mutual goal must be that every employee goes home at the end of their shift every day!

If you need help or assistance in ensuring your workplace is safe, MIOSHA is here with resources to help. The Consultation Education and Training (CET) Division provides workplace safety and health training and consultations to employers and employees throughout Michigan free of charge. Contact CET today at 800-866-4674 or submit a request online.

2017 Take A Stand Day

The 13th Annual Take a Stand Day (TASD) takes place on Wednesday, August 9, 2017. MIOSHA compliance staff, outreach consultants, managers, and supervisors, will provide one-on-one consultations to companies statewide on this date. If you signed up, you will be contacted two weeks prior to the August 9th event, to go over the details of your TASD visit. If you missed the deadline for this year’s TASD, next year’s event will be taking place on August 8, 2018.

MIOSHA Program Highlight

The federal OSHA Advisory Committee on Construction Safety and Health, held a public teleconference on June 20, 2017, to discuss the proposal of extending the crane operator certification requirement until November 10, 2018. Unless OSHA provides information of additional delayed enforcement, MIOSHA’s Construction Safety and Health Division will begin enforcing the requirements of Rule 408.41061, on November 10, 2017.


Gas and Electric Utility Safety Forum

Join us at one of the following locations for an informative one-day safety seminar with MIOSHA, Consumers Energy’s Public Safety Outreach Team, and DTE’s Damage Prevention Team. Learn more about how to keep your workers safe when faced with utility hazards above and below ground, as well as how Consumers Energy, DTE, and MIOSHA can assist.

Construction Association of Michigan
Wednesday, September 27, 2017
8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Great Lakes Safety Training Center
Wednesday, November 8, 2017
8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

If you have any questions, contact Chelsea Dodge at 517-539-2876 or chelsea.dodge@cmsenergy.com. Click HERE to view the event flyer.

Safety Recall for Aerial Lifts

We would like to make you aware of a safety recall issued by Genie Industries for certain aerial lifts that we received from OSHA. Genie Industries has found that weld debris in the boom
tubes could lead to premature and excessive wear of the upper wear pads. This excessive wear can lead to potential damage to the boom tubes and could cause the platform to drop.

MEDIA

June 22, 2017 - AJM Packaging Corporation in Taylor Fined $263,000 by MIOSHA for Amputation Hazards

July 12, 2017 - Swanson Funeral Home in Flint Shut Down Over Health and Occupational Code Violations

July 26, 2017 – Holly Construction Again Recognized as “Best of the Best” in Workplace Safety and Health

All of the MIOSHA press releases can be viewed on our [website](http://www.michigan.gov/mioshavariances).

VARIANCES

Variances from MIOSHA standards must be made available to the public in accordance with Part 12, Variances (R408.22201 to 408.22251). MIOSHA variances are published on the MIOSHA News website: [www.michigan.gov/mioshavariances](http://www.michigan.gov/mioshavariances).

QUICK LINKS

- Agency/Division Instructions/Memorandums
- Air Contaminants Initiative
- Asbestos Program
- Ask MIOSHA
- CET Request for Consultative Assistance Services
- CET Training Calendar
- Construction Safety and Health Division (CSHD)
- DVD/Video Library Service
- Employee Safety, Health, and Discrimination Complaint Forms
- General Industry Safety and Health Division (GISHD)
- Hazard Communication/GHS
- Laboratory and Equipment Services
- Michigan Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (MSHARP)
- Michigan Voluntary Protection Program (MVPP)
- MIOSHA FOIA Request
- MIOSHA News
- MIOSHA Publications
- MIOSHA Recordkeeping
- MIOSHA Standards
- MIOSHA Training Institute (MTI)
- MIOSHA Updates
- Policies and Procedures
- Radiation Safety Section
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