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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Michigan Worker Deaths of 2017

The 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, and 34th reported Michigan worker deaths of 2017 occurred on October 21, November 29, November 5, June 8, and August 5. 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 MIOASH 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 #30: On October 21, 2017, at approximately 5:30 p.m., a 69-year-old farmer was putting cherry shakers/harvesters in a pole barn. While placing the third harvester in the barn, he was pinned between the harvester and wall of the building.

Preliminary summary of incident #31: On November 29, 2017, at approximately 4:30 p.m., a 59-year-old farm laborer was working alone chopping the remaining corn stubble in a field with a brush hog which is powered through power takeoffs from a farm tractor. He was off the tractor and reached across one of the three power takeoffs used on the brush hog when his clothing became entangled. Other employees found him later that evening.

Preliminary summary of incident #32: On October 28th, a 51-year-old roofer was engaged in roofing work on a dormer when he fell from the steep pitched roof with an eave height of 12 feet. He passed away eight days later due to the injuries he received.

Preliminary summary of incident #33: On June 8, 2017, at approximately 1:50 p.m., an 80-year-old farm hand was on a tractor operating a brush hog to cut around a field. There was a fallen tree in the field, and the victim attempted to push the tree out of the way with the tractor when the tree rolled and a branch landed on the victim, pinning him to the tractor seat. MIOSHA was notified of this fatality on December 18, 2017.

Preliminary summary of incident #34: On August 5, 2017, at approximately 9:30 a.m., a 45-year-old farm hand was driving a tractor pulling a trailer loaded with boxes and ladders to meet two other employees. The two employees waited about 15 minutes and then went looking for the third employee. One employee saw the tractor in the tall grass with the trailer still on the road and attempted to move the tractor back onto the road. The rear tire lifted and that is when the body of the victim was discovered. EMS arrived and he was pronounced dead at the accident site. MIOSHA was notified of this fatality on December 18, 2017.

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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](#).

Construction Safety and Health Division’s (CSHD) Blight Eradication State Emphasis Program (SEP)

On September 1, 2016, CSHD launched a year-long SEP to inspect employers working in blighted areas receiving funding from the Hardest Hit Fund. No state has received more in blight eradication funding through the Hardest Hit Fund than Michigan and no city more than Detroit. Michigan’s blight elimination program has received \$175 million. The majority of this money has gone to Detroit.

The primary function of CSHD’s SEP was to ensure compliance with the MIOSHA rules and regulations associated with the blight removal activities.

During the year-long program, CSHD conducted 30 inspections: 15 in Wayne County, five in Genesee County, three in Kalamazoo County, two in Calhoun County, four in Saginaw County, and one in Ingham County. CSHD issued citations to 43 percent of the employers who were inspected under the program. Most of the inspections took place during removal of asbestos from structures before they were demolished. CSHD inspected 17 different employers; some more than once.

CSHD issued citations for 62 violations of the rules, including seven violations of the Michigan Asbestos Abatement Contractor Licensing Act and one violation of the Michigan Asbestos Workers Accreditation Act. The most frequently cited regulations pertained to requirements for asbestos medical examinations and consultations. Seventy-one percent of the violations were categorized as serious. Total initial civil penalties equaled \$67,600.

New Resources – Working Day Calendar

A new resource has been developed by MIOSHA to assist in calculating critical deadlines involved with MIOSHA enforcement cases. The Working Day Calendar identifies which days count as “working days” for purposes of calculating the following working day deadlines:

- The minimum deadline for posting a copy of the citation.
- The deadline to pay the reduced penalty under a Penalty Reduction Agreement (PRA).
- The deadline to file a first appeal.
- The deadline for MIOSHA to issue its response to a first appeal.
- The deadline to file an appeal of MIOSHA’s first appeal decision to the Board.
- The deadline to pay a penalty which is final order.
- The deadline to abate a contested citation after becoming a final order.
- The deadline to file a petition for modification of an abatement date with the Board.
- The deadline for MIOSHA to receive an appeal of a discrimination complaint determination.

The 2018 version of the [Working Day Calendar](#) (shown to the right) is now available on the MIOSHA website in the [Compliance Section](#) or via the [A to Z Index](#).

2018 MIOSHA WORKING DAY CALENDAR																						
NON-WORKING DAY - DO NOT COUNT																						
JANUARY 2018				FEBRUARY 2018				MARCH 2018														
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28	29	30	31				25	26	27	28												
APRIL 2018				MAY 2018				JUNE 2018														
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JULY 2018				AUGUST 2018				SEPTEMBER 2018														
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MIOSHA Electronic Correspondence Survey

We are requesting your assistance in determining the most effective means to provide information to you electronically. If you haven't already done so, please complete this short [survey](#) and provide comments and ideas in the spaces provided. Thank you!

2018 Michigan Safety Conference

The 2018 Michigan Safety Conference is taking place in Lansing on April 17 and 18, 2018. The classes that will be offered at the conference are up on the Michigan Safety Conference [website](#) including all of the MIOSHA CET Division classes.

AGENCY INSTRUCTION ISSUED

November 20, 2017 – [Access to Employee Medical Records \(MIOSHA-COM-08-2\)](#)

MEDIA

December 27, 2017 – [MIOSHA Issues 2nd Cease Operations Order in 2017 Against Bay City Landscaping Company](#)

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 website: www.michigan.gov/mioshavariations.

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