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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Michigan Worker Deaths of 2018

The 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, and 24th reported Michigan worker deaths of 2018 occurred on July 12, September 18, September 24, September 25, and September 24. 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 #20: On July 12th, a 71-year-old owner was found trapped in a front-end loader. The owner was deceased at the time he was found. The death certificate from the medical examiner indicates that he died as a result of traumatic asphyxiation due to being compressed in the front-end loader.

Preliminary summary of incident #21: On September 18th, at approximately 7:49 a.m., a 28-year-old garbage truck driver, along with a helper, had been collecting trash on a rural county road. The garbage truck driver had parked the garbage truck completely in the east bound lane due to drainage ditches on the road sides. He was at the back of the garbage truck loading trash when he was struck and pinned to the garbage truck by a full-size pick-up truck hauling a pop-up camper traveling east bound. The driver in the pick-up truck told reporting police officers the sun was in his eyes and he could not see the garbage truck until it was too late.

Preliminary summary of incident #22: On September 24th, at approximately 1:05 p.m., a 64-year-old journeyman electrician was preparing electrical equipment for relocation to be performed later. He was later found on the floor under the equipment that was previously mounted to the wall.

Preliminary summary of incident #23: On September 25th, at approximately 3:30 p.m., a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed entered the work zone and struck two workers. A 20-year-old laborer was killed; the other worker was hospitalized.

Preliminary summary of incident #24: On September 24th, at approximately 3:45 p.m., a 62-year-old business owner/tree trimmer was up in a bucket lift, trimming a tree at an apartment complex. He cut off a large branch of a tree. It snapped back on him and threw him out of the bucket. He hit the ground approximately 30 feet below the bucket.

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There were 39 MIOSHA-related deaths in 2017. 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](#).

Fall Prevention – State Emphasis Program (SEP)

The Construction Safety and Health Division (CSHD) is committed to reducing the number of fatalities on construction job sites.

In 2016, Michigan had four fatalities related to roofing activities. In 2017, there were eight fatalities related to roofing or activities conducted on roofs. Through the Fall Prevention – State Emphasis Program [Agency Instruction](#), General Industry Safety and Health Division (GISHD) and CSHD have been attempting to visit more sites where fall protection violations may be present.

From February 20, 2018, to present, CSHD has conducted a total of 541 inspections related to this SEP, of which, 84 were roofing related jobsites.

Related to this SEP, CSHD has issued several violations under the following standards:

- Part 45 – Fall Protection: 184 violations
- Part 12 – Scaffold and Scaffold Platforms: 88 violations
- Part 11 – Fixed and Portable Ladders: 55 violations
- Part 32 – Aerial Work Platforms: 53 violations
- Part 21 – Guarding of Walking and Working Areas: 37 violations

Visit our [Stop Falls. Save Lives. website](#) for more information.

Eyewash Changes

Although the revised Eyewash Instruction was published on April 12, 2018, enforcement of the revised provisions was temporarily suspended until October 1, 2018. This week will begin a more consistent set of enforcement policies regarding eyewash location and use in general industry including for housekeeping duties. This instruction addresses the fundamental need for suitable facilities to quickly remove or dilute injurious, corrosive, or potentially infectious materials from the eyes or body in the event of contact. Page 2 of the instruction highlights the six significant changes made to the instruction. The significant changes include adoption of many of the nationally-recognized ANSI guidance policies for eyewash use which should be read in detail in the body of the Instruction. This Instruction is linked as follows:

<https://w2.lara.state.mi.us/ADMS/File/ViewDmsDocument/13234>.

MIOSHA developed a [Fact Sheet](#) for eyewash/shower equipment to educate employers and employees on the latest revisions to the enforcement policy. If you have any questions, please reach out to MIOSHA's Consultation Education and Training Division at 517-284-7720.

AGENCY INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED

September 12, 2018 – [Abatement Assurance and Follow-up Inspection Procedures](#)

September 19, 2018 – [Comment/Suggestion Card for MIOSHA Services](#)

MEDIA

September 4, 2018 – [MIOSHA Offers \\$250,000 in Grants to Keep Workers Safe](#)

September 5, 2018 – [Employers Across Michigan “Take a Stand” for Workplace Safety and Health](#)



September 5, 2018 – [Columbian Logistics Network Distribution Center in Kentwood Receives Renewed “MSHARP” Certification](#)

September 28, 2018 – [IHC Incorporated in Detroit Receives Renewed “MSHARP” Certification](#)

VARIANCES

Variations from MIOSHA standards must be made available to the public in accordance with Part 12, Variations (R408.22201 to 408.22251). MIOSHA variations are published on the MIOSHA [website](#).

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