

HAZARD BULLETIN



Struck-By Hazards

Employers are responsible for ensuring that workers are protected from moving vehicles, heavy equipment, and other struck-by hazards on the jobsite. This includes maintaining safe work zones, enforcing traffic control procedures and ensuring workers are visible and alert.

MIOsha is seeing a troubling rise in struck-by fatalities, which now account for more than half of all workplace deaths investigated in 2025. These incidents are preventable. MIOsha urges employers and employees alike to take extra precautions, slow down, and pay attention — so that every worker makes it home at the of their shift



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Consultation Education and Training Division**

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Recent Fatalities

- On January 16, 2025, a 41-year-old laborer was fatally injured when a trailer detached from a utility vehicle and collided with a metal pole that penetrated the cab.
- On April 15, 2025, a 64-year-old truck driver was fatally struck, after unloading a double trailer, the rear-trailer began to roll and hit the driver.
- On June 16, 2025, a 27-year-old laborer was struck by falling steel trusses, while working in an aerial lift inside a school gymnasium.
- On July 2, 2025, a 47-year-old laborer was pinned between a concrete mixing truck and a dumpster.
- On July 4, 2025, a 56-year-old co-owner was struck by a personal vehicle driven by a co-worker while walking through a parking lot. The victim died from their injuries two days later.

How to Stay Safe

- **Be Aware of Moving Equipment:** Always stay alert when working around vehicles or machinery. Operators may have limited visibility.
- **Use Spotters:** Designate trained spotters when operating or moving equipment in congested areas or backing up.
- **Establish Clear Zones:** Create and maintain pedestrian-free zones around equipment and vehicle operation paths.
- **Follow Traffic Control Plans:** Use barricades, cones and signs to separate workers from moving vehicles.
- **Communicate Effectively:** Use radios, hand signals or flaggers when visibility is limited or multiple trades are active.
- **Wear High-Visibility Gear:** Reflective vests and clothing can help ensure you are seen, especially in low-light or high-traffic environments.
- **Slow Down and Pay Attention:** Whether walking, driving, or operating machinery, slow down and stay alert — it could save a life.

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