

18. Struck by Irrigation Equipment

A 19-year-old crew member was killed while working to upright an irrigation system that was knocked over by severe weather. The incident occurred in a soybean field. The victim climbed onto the tower section of an agricultural irrigation system in order to attach a synthetic sling to the tower to facilitate up-righting the components of the irrigation system. The tower began to shake and then fell over. The victim either fell off or jumped off, and landed on the ground. The tower then fell onto him. He was transported immediately to a local hospital, but did not survive.

TOSHA Citation(s) as Originally Issued

Citation 1

Item 1 1926.21(b)(2)	The employer did not instruct each employee in the recognition and avoidance of unsafe conditions and the regulations applicable to his work environment to control or eliminate any hazards or other exposure to illness or injury.
Item 2 1926.50(c)	A person who has a valid certificate in first-aid training was not available at the worksite to render first aid.
Item 3a 1926.251(a)(6)	Synthetic sling inspections were not being conducted by a competent person each day before being used.
Item 3b 1916.252(e)(8)(iii)	A synthetic sling with snags, punctures, tears or cuts was not removed from service.

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Item 1 1910.178(l)(i)	An operator was not trained in the safe operation of powered industrial trucks as demonstrated by the successful completion of the training and evaluation requirements.
Item 2 TDL Rule 0800-1-3-.05(1)(a)	An oral report of an employment accident resulting in a fatality or the inpatient hospitalization of three or more employees was not made within eight (8) hours after the occurrence to the nearest Area Office of the Division of Occupational Safety and Health or to the TOSHA toll-free central telephone number (1-800-249-8510).

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