

A 69-year-old man fell from a loading dock to the ground through an open bay door. Employee was working to remove a box on an extender positioned approximately 9 inches from the open bay door when the victim appeared to lose his balance and fall backwards.

**Citation(s) as Originally Issued**

A complete inspection was conducted at the accident scene. Some of the items cited may not directly relate to the fatality.

**Citation 1 Item 1 Type of Violation: Serious**

TCA 50-3-105(1):The employer did not furnish to each of his employees conditions of employment and a place of employment free from recognized hazards that are causing or likely to cause death or serious physical harm to his employees.

In that extender chutes and/or chutes are positioned in close proximity (i.e. ~9", ~22") to bay doors exposing employees to a fall hazard when the bay doors are open with no trailer in place and employees are walking/working in the area & removing boxes from the extender chute and/or chute. On 07/06/2024 an employee fell from the open dock door of bay 115 to the concrete below when working to remove a box from the extender chute that was positioned approximately 9 inches from the bay door.

Among other methods, feasible and acceptable means of abatement would be:

- a. Utilize barriers across the bay doors when they are open and employees are unloading boxes from the extender chute.
- b. Not unload packages from an extender chute except when the chute is within a trailer and then move packages to the appropriate trailer.
- c. Lock the bay doors until a trailer is at the door.

**Proposed Penalty: \$5000.00**