

A 35-year-old man was struck by a vehicle in a lumber yard. The victim, a truck operator, had arrived at the work site to deliver materials. He disembarked from his vehicle, removed cargo tiedown straps from his flatbed trailer and removed a tarp that had been used to cover the lumber he was delivering. He placed the tarp on the ground to fold it for storage, squatting low in the process. During the act of folding the tarp, the victim was struck by another vehicle as it was reversing across the lot.

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 employment and a place of employment which were free from recognized hazards that were causing or likely to cause death or serious physical harm to employees.

In that an employee was exposed to struck-by hazards from failing to wear High-Visibility Safety Apparel (HVSA) while working in a busy lumber yard lot under low-light, rainy conditions with traffic from passenger vehicles, powered industrial trucks, and commercial vehicles.

Feasible and acceptable method of abatement: Ensure the HVSA provided to employees is of the proper type and performance class for the various locations and conditions in which they'll work. Establish work rules, provide training on those locations and conditions, and follow up those efforts with proper supervision and discipline.

Proposed Penalty: \$4000.00

