

#16: Crushed By – Inspection #317804540

A **19 year old male** employee was crushed under the rear platform of a Cargo Loader. The victim had been working for the employer for approximately four months as a “Handler”. The loader’s bridge was raised to a height to align with the cargo door and loading deck of the aircraft. The victim was aligning packages for loading toward the rear of the loader. The victim reached under the rear platform while it was being lowered to the ground level and was crushed between the rear platform and the loader’s supporting structure. The empty weight of the loader is approximately 63,000 lbs.

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 T.C.A. 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 an employee reached across the right rear corner of the frame of Cargo Loader (when the main platform was in a raised position) to lay down a pin at the right rear corner of the cargo Dolly and was crushed between the frame and the main platform of the loader when the operator lowered the main platform. One feasible method of abatement, among others, is to develop a policy or procedure to keep all material handlers and other ground team employees of the in the line-of-sight of the loader operator, especially when the main platform is being lowered.
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Citation 2

TDLWD Rule 0800-01-03-.03(27)(b)1	The log of all recordable work-related injuries and illnesses (OSHA Form 300) was not completed in detail as required by the rule. In that the 2012 log was not completed as required when classifying sprained ankles as “All Other Illnesses”.
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Photo 1 of 2: Cargo Loader



Photo 2 of 2: Cargo Loader raised for loading aircraft