

#25: Struck By – Inspection #1004331

A **69 year old male** employee was struck by a front end loader. The victim, a truck driver, was delivering metal to a recycling facility. After unloading the scrap metal, the victim moved the truck from the scrap pile so he could clean the rear bumper before he left. The victim did not move the truck to the designated clean out areas nearest the southeast corner. After the victim got out of the truck and went to the rear of the trailer to clean off the rear bumper he was struck by a front end loader that was backing up.

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 the employer did not go to the scrap yard to determine if there were any unsafe conditions that the employee may be exposed to such as being struck by a front end loader while cleaning debris off the rear bumper of a tractor trailer. Feasible means of abatement among others include: a) Survey and inspect each job site to assess the risks inherent to each location and to train the employees to increase their awareness and to provide a means to eliminate or minimize those risks; b) Develop a policy that would establish surveys of offsite delivery establishments and training to ensure the drivers area aware of the hazards recognized during the surveys.
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Photo 1 of 1: The white note pad on the ground is the approximate location the victim was standing when he was struck by the front end loader