

34 Fall from truck step – Inspection #1279830

A **51 year old male** employee was fatally injured when he fell while attempting to enter or exit his truck at a shipping yard staging area. The victim, an over-the-road truck driver, was found outside of his truck with multiple injuries while waiting to receive a shipment from a customer. On the day of the incident, the victim was dispatched by his employer to receive a load of material from a customer located in Bulls Gap, TN. The victim arrived at the customer's loading dock area and entered the shipping office. The victim retrieved his pick-up number, exited the office, and drove his tractor-trailer to the three lane staging area approximately 20 yards from the shipping office. Once at the staging area, the victim exited his truck and opened the trailer doors. His trailer was second in line to be loaded. When the truck in front of the victim's truck moved, the victim was noticed lying on the ground next to his truck's driver side door. It is believed that the victim was unable to protect himself during a fall which occurred following a sudden medical event (heart attack).

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

TDLWD Rule 0800-01-03-.05(1)(a)l	<p>Within eight (8) hours after the death of any employee as a result of a work related incident, you must report the fatality to the TOSHA Division of the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development.</p> <p>In that one employee of R & E Logistics, Inc. died as a result of injuries sustained while working on November 27, 2017 and it was not reported to TOSHA.</p>
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Photo 1 of 1 – Photos shows the driver side of the truck where the victim fell.