



Snow and Ice-related Occupational Fatalities in Washington State, 1998-present

Incident date	Industry	Occupation	Narrative	County
December 19, 1998	Florists	Light Truck or Delivery Services Drivers	The driver of flower delivery vehicle crashed on highway while returning from delivery. He was partially ejected from the vehicle and thrown into the back seat when the vehicle crashed and rolled. Excess vehicle speed while negotiating a corner and ice and snow on the road contributed to loss of control of the vehicle.	Island
January 27, 1999	Logging	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	The decedent crashed while driving a company pickup truck home from work. Snow and ice on the road may have caused loss of control of the vehicle.	Snohomish
May 14, 2003	Other Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators	The operator of a d7 caterpillar dozer was clearing snow from a road when the dozer rolled down an embankment.	Stevens
January 26, 2004	Roofing Contractors	Construction Laborers	Three construction workers were traveling in a pick-up truck to a job site. They were driving on an icy, snowy state highway when their vehicle crossed the center line and collided head on with another vehicle. One of the construction workers died and the others were injured.	Whitman
December 19, 2005	Forest Nurseries and Gathering of Forest Products	Forest and Conservation Workers	The driver of a van carrying 9 workers to pick plants in the forest lost control of the vehicle after attempting to pass a truck on an icy state highway. The van veered into a ditch and then landed on its top in the roadway where it was struck by the truck. Three of the passengers were ejected. One died at the scene, another died 3 days later. Others were hospitalized.	Lewis
December 24, 2007	Continuing Care Retirement Communities	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	The victim was plowing snow in a parking lot. It appears he was backing up with the door open while leaning out and became wedged between a tree and the door.	Stevens