

Worker Killed While Operating Fueling Truck



What happened?

A fuel truck driver was killed when he tried to hop into his rig as it rolled forward. The truck driver was delivering fuel to a company-owned gas station when the incident occurred.

The driver parked the truck on a slight incline and was outside the cab as he unloaded his fuel. The brake on the truck had not been set and no chocks were in place at the time. The truck began to roll forward and the driver, in an attempt to get into the cab, stepped in front of the truck. He was killed when he became pinned between the truck and a wall.

What can you do to prevent this from happening at your workplace?

- Always set the emergency brake when leaving any vehicle.
- Use wheel chocks when working outside the cab of a vehicle.
- Develop a motor vehicle policy for your company. You can find guidance at www.lni.wa.gov/WISHA/Rules/motorvehicles.

Need more information?

Visit www.lni.wa.gov/Safety/Basics for information on workplace safety and health, rules and policies, sample programs, and general assistance. To contact the Division of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH), call 1-800-423-7233.

Interested in a free safety consultation at your workplace?

You may request assistance from DOSH by telephone, letter or in person. The request may be for a complete review of your company's safety and health programs or for help with a specific problem. A consultant can contact you to schedule a time and date for a free, onsite consultation. Visit www.SafetyConsultants.Lni.wa.gov for phone numbers and e-mail addresses in your area.

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How does an employee file a complaint?

Employees or employee representatives can file formal complaints with DOSH when they believe a safety or health hazard exists in their workplace. Complaint forms are available in English and Spanish from your local L&I office or on the Web at www.Lni.wa.gov/safety/Basics/Complaint.

Contact us. We're here to help.