

# Fatality Narrative

## Workers Killed in Motor Vehicle Crashes \*

**Industry:** Construction  
**Occupation:** Construction occupations  
**Task:** Driving to job sites  
**Type of Incident:** Motor vehicle crashes

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### Six Separate Fatal Motor Vehicle Incidents

- On April 27, 2006, a 61-year-old driver of a water drilling truck died when his vehicle traveling down a hill was unable to stop at an intersection and went over an embankment and plunged into a creek.
- On May 15, 2006, a 24-year-old construction foreman driving a pick-up towing a flat bed trailer died when he attempted to pass a vehicle and was struck head-on by a logging truck.
- On May 23, 2006, a 48-year-old driver of a street sweeper truck was driving along a highway on his way back from a job site when an oncoming vehicle crossed the center line and struck his vehicle.
- On August 7, 2006, a 47-year-old dump truck driver died when his vehicle left the road and rolled over.
- On August 25, 2006, a 33-year-old employee of a building equipment contractor, while driving on a highway, was struck and fatally injured by an unsecured object falling off of the trailer of semi-trailer truck that went through his windshield.
- On September 18, 2006, a 56-year-old worker was fatally injured as he was backing a vehicle across a road and was struck by an oncoming dump truck.

**Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of work-related deaths in the United States. Employers and employees are in a strategic position to promote road safety on the job.**

### Requirements/Recommendations

(! Indicates items required by law)

- ! Establish a company policy covering work-related road safety.
- ! Enforce mandatory seat belt use.
- ! Ensure that all materials, tools and equipment are properly secured on the vehicle.
- ! Ensure that workers are licensed and trained properly to operate the vehicle they are assigned.
- ! Speeds must match road conditions. Slow down when traveling in snow or ice.
- Establish schedules that allow drivers to obey speed limits.
- Do not permit workers to drive while fatigued.
- Do not require workers to conduct business on a cell phone while driving.

**State Wide Statistics:** These incidents represent 6 out of 81 total work-related fatalities and 23 construction-related fatalities in Washington State during 2006.

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*This bulletin was developed at the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries to alert employers and employees of a tragic loss of life of a worker in Washington State. We encourage you to consider the above information as you make safety decisions for or recommendations to your company or constituency. The information in this notice is based on preliminary data ONLY and does not represent final determinations regarding the nature of the incident or conclusions regarding the cause of the fatality.*

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