



WHAT HAPPENED?



DOSH Fatality Bulletin

Learning from workplace tragedy

Worker killed by bulldozer

A worker operating a bulldozer to level out a pile of cedar waste at a wood-products mill was thrown from the dozer and run over by the vehicle.

The pile of cedar waste had steep edges on the top. It appears that as the worker drove over a 4-ft drop, the bulldozer blade struck the ground. The impact threw the worker from the seat and into the front of the bulldozer, where he was run over by the vehicle's right track.

The bulldozer continued travelling another 80 yd, crossed a paved road, then plowed into a tree, pushing the tree over and high centering on the trunk. It was found in this position still running.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO PREVENT A FATALITY FROM HAPPENING AT YOUR WORKPLACE?

Take these steps to help ensure a safe working environment

- Always wear a seatbelt when operating heavy equipment.
- Operate equipment at a speed that reflects the working conditions.
- Conduct a job safety analysis (JSA) to systematically identify hazards at the work site or associated with the task.
- Train your workers. The job safety analysis will help identify special training needs and hazards associated with the work.

RELATED ONLINE RESOURCES

Safety & Health Topic Search - Heavy Equipment



Division of Occupational Safety and Health



www.Lni.wa.gov/Safety



1-800-423-7233

Need more information?

Go to [Get Started with Safety & Health](#) for information on workplace safety and health, rules and policies, sample programs and general assistance.

Call 1-800-423-7233 to contact the Department of Labor & Industries (L&I), Division of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH).



Interested in a free safety and health consultation at your workplace?

The Department of Labor & Industries provides consultations, training, and technical assistance at no cost to employers. Call today to schedule a free confidential consultation or go to [Request Consultation](#) for more information. You may also call 1-800-423-7233 or visit a local L&I office and ask for the Consultation Manager.

How does an employee file a complaint?

Employees or employee representatives may file formal complaints with DOSH when they believe a safety or health hazard exists in their workplace.

[Complaint forms](#) are available from a local L&I office in both English and Spanish, or on the Web.

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