

10. Struck by truck

A **46-year-old** shipping/receiving manager was killed when he was struck by a trailer while walking on a company roadway. The company's business was to receive, store, and ship laminating equipment and supplies. The premises consisted of two buildings, 900 building and 724 building, located diagonally from each other and divided by a private roadway capable of receiving tractor trailers in either building through docks located at the back of each building. Two deliveries were expected at approximately the same time on the day of the incident. The first truck arrived at the site and proceeded to the loading dock of the 724 building and was unloaded. Meanwhile, the second delivery truck arrived and since there was not room at the delivery dock for both trucks, the second driver pulled his truck down the roadway, past the 724 loading dock, and waited for his turn. After the first truck was fully unloaded, the driver moved his vehicle out of the dock and to the top of a slight hill on the private roadway, next to the 900 building. The second truck then maneuvered his truck to the 724 dock for delivery. The victim arrived for work at the 900 building and upon being told the two deliveries were already on site, he proceeded out the side door of the building, and down a grassy embankment into the private roadway toward the 724 building. At about the same time, the first truck driver began to back his tractor trailer down the private roadway so that he could enter the front of the 724 building to have his bill signed. The victim was struck by the moving tractor trailer as it backed down the hill. The driver did not realize he had struck the victim until he backed up enough to see the victim lying in the road. Emergency services were called and the victim was pronounced dead on site.

Citations as Originally Issued

Citation 1

Item 1 T.C.A. 50-3-105(1)	The employer did not furnish employment and a place of employment which were free from recognized hazards that were causing or likely to cause death or serious physical harm to employees in that employees were exposed to being struck by vehicles on the roadway between buildings 900 and 724.
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Citation 2

Item 1 1910.37(b)(5)	Each doorway or passage along an exit access that could be mistaken for an exit was not marked "Not an Exit" or similar designation or identified by a sign indicating its actual use.
Item 2 1910.212(b)	Machines designated for fixed locations were not securely anchored to prevent walking or moving in that the rigid drill press in the storage and return room in building 900 was not anchored.

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