

## **18 Fall off flatbed trailer - Inspection #1241979**

A **45 year old male** employee was fatally injured when he fell from a flatbed semi-truck trailer while attempting to spread a tarp over a load of lumber. On the day of the incident, the victim, a truck driver, picked up a load of lumber from the Home Depot. Along the route the victim stopped at a local Pilot Travel Center to tarp the lumber. Rain was expected and it was Home Depot's delivery policy to tarp the load. As the victim was on the semi-truck trailer flatbed attempting to tarp the lumber, he fell off striking his head on the parking lot. There were no direct witnesses to the incident. The height of a semi-truck trailer was less than 48 inches and does not meet TOSHA's General Industry standard requirement to use fall protection when working from heights 4 feet or more above a lower level. In addition, no feasible means for fall protection could be used in an open parking lot.

### **Citation(s) as Originally Issued**

A complete inspection was conducted at the accident scene. Some of the items cited may not directly relate to the fatality.

No violations of the TOSHA standards were found on the day of the investigation.

