

28 Struck by vehicle – Inspection 1262957

A **62 year old male** employee was fatally injured when he was struck by a forward moving vehicle as he was walking across the truck yard toward the employee parking lot. The victim had clocked out from work at approximately 1:00am and proceeded down the dock to the exit door. There were rainy conditions outside and the victim was using a black colored umbrella after he had exited the building. A yard truck had just turned a 90 degree corner in the lot when the truck struck the victim. Due to the location of where the victim was found, it is unlikely that he was using the crosswalk. The victim was found 26 feet away from the crosswalk. The exact location of where the victim was positioned prior to being struck by the oncoming truck was undetermined. The investigation revealed that the employer had disciplined 37 employees for violating the crosswalk policy at the facility in the year 2017 and the discipline did not appear to progress beyond written warnings. The truck driver reported that the headlights and flashers were being used. The yard truck was inspected; the headlights and flashers were operating correctly. It was determined that the exterior dock area of the facility around the location where the victim was found did not have adequate lighting. The CSHO measured the light to be 1 foot candle consistently in this area. The American Standard Practice for Industrial Lighting indicates that lighting in active storage yards should be 20 foot candles. TOSHA recommended a citation for inadequate lighting in the truck yard area where employees are required to walk in order to reach the employee 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.

Citation 1 Item 1

TCA 50-3-105(1)	<p>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.</p> <p>In that the employees were exposed to struck-by hazards due to inadequate lighting in the truck yard area where employees are required to walk in order to reach the employee parking lot.</p>
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Photo 1 of 2 – The yellow box indicates where the victim was found after the incident.



Photo 2 of 2 – The photo shows the intersection where the victim was struck-by the yard truck. The red arrows indicate the direction the truck was traveling. The yellow arrows indicate the crosswalk that the victim was reportedly using after exiting the door. The green arrow indicates the area where the victim was found after being struck.