

Case 31. 58-year old male truck driver died after falling from a large, stationary dump truck.

On July 9, 2003, a 58-year old truck driver died when he fell approximately 42 inches from the box or tire of his dump truck. The victim appeared to be attempting to secure or adjust the tarp over the top of a 15-ton, dual axel dump truck after it was loaded with asphalt. The top load cover was electric and was unfurling properly at the time of the MIOSHA investigation. The tarp was in the $\frac{3}{4}$ position and the tarp lever was in neutral position. He was standing either on the bottom outside edge of the box or on a rear wheel when he fell backward to concrete. Scuff marks were present on the edge of the box. The victim may have been loosening stuck asphalt from the edge of the dump truck to allow the cover to close. He was taken to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead.

MIOSHA issued the following serious and “other” citations to the employer:

Serious:

1. The employer allowed the employee to gain access to an elevation approximately 42-inches above the ground, by climbing on the side of the truck, without the availability of hand or foot holds, exposing the employee to a fall hazard. (Act 154 PA or 1974, Sec. 11(a))

Other:

1. The employer did not create and post MIOSHA 300A, the Annual Summary of injuries and illness as required by subrules (a),(b),(c),(d) of this rule (Recording and Reporting of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses, Part OSH 11, Rule 1132(1))
2. The employer did not retain records of the MIOSHA 300, MIOSHA 301, MIOSHA 301A and the Privacy Case List for 5 years following the end of the calendar year that these records cover. (Recording and Reporting of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses, Part OSH 11, Rule 1133(1))