

Case 471. 63-year-old refuse collector died when he was pinned by a passenger car against the side/rear of a 2009 Mack Rear Load Refuse trash truck.

A 63-year-old male refuse collector died when he was pinned by a passenger car against the side/rear of a 2009 Mack Rear Load Refuse trash truck. The decedent and a coworker were collecting refuse in a condominium complex. The trash truck was located halfway on the shoulder and halfway in the roadway at the time of the incident. There was a double yellow line indicating a no passing zone. The incident occurred in partial darkness. The trash truck lights were on and working. The decedent was wearing a reflective vest and a miner's head lamp. He had placed the trash cans (toter cans) on the right and left side of the toter tippers. He first emptied the right side toter using the controls on the passenger side of the trash truck. He then proceeded to empty the left side toter using the controls on the driver side of the trash truck. A passenger car driver crossed a double yellow line to try to pass the garbage truck and struck the decedent, pinning him between the car and the rear wheel of the trash truck. The driver of the passenger car backed up and the decedent fell to the ground. The decedent's coworker who was driving the truck called for emergency response. EMS responded and transported the decedent to a local hospital. He died the next day from complications of the injuries sustained at the time of the incident.

MIOSHA Safety and Health Division did not issue a citation to the employer at the conclusion of its investigation.