

Case 56. 69-year old male truck driver was crushed and killed when a bundle of steel rods from the load of eight bundles he was delivering to a manufacturing facility fell onto him.

On March 30, 2004, a 69-year-old male truck driver was crushed and killed when a bundle of steel rods from the load of eight bundles he was delivering to a manufacturing facility fell onto him. He was in the truck well at the loading dock removing the tarp and load binders that secured the load to the truck bed. He had loaded and secured the load on a flat bed trailer himself earlier (that day?) and driven it to the site. He had covered the load with a tarp to protect it from rain. Apparently during transportation of the load, it shifted. He was unable to see that the load had shifted because of the tarp covering the load. When the bundle of rods fell from the truck bed, it pinned him between the bundle and the side of the truck well wall. The cause of death was asphyxiation. Toxicology tests were negative.

MIOSHA issued the following Serious citation to the employer:

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ACT 154 PA of 1974, SEC. 61(1)

Notify the Department of Labor and Economic Growth, Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration within 8 hours of a fatality or any hospitalization of 3 or more employees suffering injury from the same accident or illness.

The company did not notify MIOSHA within 8 hours of the fatality.