

OSHA's Fatal Four: Struck-by Hazards



Struck-by hazards occur when a worker is hit by a moving object, vehicle, or piece of equipment, often leading to serious injuries or fatalities. Common examples include being struck by falling tools, moving vehicles, or swinging equipment in the workplace.

Did you know? Approximately 75% of struck-by fatalities involve heavy equipment like trucks or cranes.

Did you know? In 2024 43% of all fatalities in Virginia were the result of struck-by injuries.



Struck-by accidents are preventable, and you can find helpful tips below to reduce the risk and stay safe.



Prevention Tip #1

Establish clear communication systems, like hand signals or two-way radios, to inform your crew of hazardous situations.



Prevention Tip #2

Ensure workers are highly visible by wearing reflective clothing, especially when working near moving vehicles or equipment.



Prevention Tip #3

Stay in alert zones: never walk near large equipment or machinery unless it's safe.



Prevention Tip #4

Always wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), such as hard hats and safety glasses, to protect against flying or falling objects.



Prevention Tip #5

Regularly inspect vehicles and equipment to ensure they are in safe operating condition, reducing the risk of malfunctions that could lead to struck-by incidents.

**Want to learn more about preventing workplace hazards?
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