

Fatality Narrative

Siding Installer Supervisor Dies in Head-on Motor Vehicle Collision*

Industry: Siding contractors.

Occupation: Supervisor.

Task: Driving company pickup truck.

Type of Incident: Motor vehicle crash.

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On January 19, 2008, a siding contractor employee died when his pickup truck crashed head-on with another vehicle. The 30-year-old victim had worked for his employer, a siding contractor, for several months. He was driving a company vehicle, a Ford F-150 pickup truck, looking for possible business leads.

As he was driving along a two lane road, his vehicle crossed the centerline and struck a dump truck head-on. The victim, who was ejected from the vehicle, died at the scene. The dump truck driver received minor injuries.



In Washington State, the construction industry has the third highest number of motor vehicle traffic crash related deaths.

Requirements/Recommendations

(! Indicates items required by code)

- ! Employers who have workers who drive vehicles as part of their job can do a number of things to ensure their safety.
 - Evaluate the risks to employees. Take into consideration the driver, the vehicle, and where they will be driving.
 - Implement company safe driving policies and procedures.
 - Institute a safe driving training program.
 - Establish procedures to ensure proper maintenance of vehicles and all vehicle systems.
 - Require all employees to use seatbelts.

- ! Employees should
 - Always use a seatbelt.
 - Drive within the speed limit.
 - Plan their route before they go.
 - Not have distractions such as cell phones, looking at maps, and other activities that take their mind and eyes off the road.
 - Pull off the road at a safe location to use cell phone maps etc.

- **State Wide Statistics:** This was the 3rd out of 70 work-related fatalities in Washington State during 2008, and was the 2nd out of 18 construction-related fatalities.

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