

## Worker Killed While Operating Fueling Truck



### What happened?

A fuel truck driver was killed when he tried to hop into his rig as it rolled forward. The truck driver was delivering fuel to a company-owned gas station when the incident occurred.

The driver parked the truck on a slight incline and was outside the cab as he unloaded his fuel. The brake on the truck had not been set and no chocks were in place at the time. The truck began to roll forward and the driver, in an attempt to get into the cab, stepped in front of the truck. He was killed when he became pinned between the truck and a wall.

### What can you do to prevent this from happening at your workplace?

- Always set the emergency brake when leaving any vehicle.
- Use wheel chocks when working outside the cab of a vehicle.
- Develop a motor vehicle policy for your company. You can find guidance at [L&I Safety & Health Rules](#).

### Need more information?

[Get Started with Safety & Health](#) to find information on safety and health, rules and policies, sample programs, and general assistance.

### Interested in a free safety consultation at your workplace?

The Department of Labor & Industries provides consultations, training, and technical assistance at no cost to employers. Call today to schedule a free confidential consultation or go to [Request Consultation](#) for more information. You may also call 1-800-423-7233 or visit a local L&I office and ask for the Consultation Manager.

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## **How does an employee file a complaint?**

Employees or employee representatives may file formal complaints with DOSH when they believe a safety or health hazard exists in their workplace. Complaint forms are available from your local L&I office in both English and Spanish, or on the Web at <https://lni.wa.gov/workers-rights/workplace-complaints/safety-complaints>.

**Contact us. We're here to help.**