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Struck By Incidents

Nearly half of the deaths that occur for roadway construction workers occur when workers are run over or struck by moving vehicles, trucks, or equipment. Construction vehicles and equipment operating in the work area cause over half of the fatalities.   Here are some best practices to avoid being a struck-by casualty in your work area:

BE SEEN Always wear your safety vest and hardhat. Wearing your vest and keeping it as clean as possible helps to make you more visible to everyone. Wear safety vests at all times (and reflective pants at night). The vest goes on when you arrive at work and goes off only when you are getting in your vehicle to go home.

COMMUNICATE   If you are working near construction vehicles and equipment make sure the operator/driver knows where you are located. Being visible by wearing your safety vest and hardhat is a good way of communicating your location. If needed, bang on the vehicle to let the operator know you are there...look them in the eye…**make eye contact!!!**

STAY BACK Do not approach moving equipment. Communicate with the driver by using a radio, hand signals, etc. The best thing is to make eye contact so that the driver/operator sees you. Approach the vehicle once the vehicle has stopped.

LOOK OUT FOR OTHER WORKERS Use horns, whistles, or other ways such as yelling to warn other workers when they are in dangerous situations.

POSITIVE SEPARATION Separate workers from traffic using "positive separation" such as barriers, road closures, shadow vehicles (truck mounted   attenuators (TMA)), and buffer space. This is critical for both roadway traffic and construction vehicles.

BE ALERT Always be observant and on the lookout for possible hazards so that you can avoid them and alert others to them. Always keep your eye on   surrounding traffic both inside and outside the work zone. It seems that motorists and sometimes even co-workers are always in a hurry and are not on the look-out for pedestrian traffic. So…

Expect the Unexpected!!

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