

LESSONS LEARNED FROM LOSSES

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TRUCK SAFETY



- WEAR BRIGHTLY COLORED CLOTHING/VESTS AND STAY ALERT
- WORKERS SHOULD COMMUNICATE AND MAINTAIN EYE CONTACT WITH EACH OTHER BEFORE WALKING IN FRONT OF OR BEHIND A VEHICLE OR OTHER MOBILE EQUIPMENT.
- USE SPOTTERS
- DO NOT WALK BETWEEN TOW VEHICLE AND TRAILER OR MOBILE EQUIPMENT
- LISTEN FOR BACK UP ALARMS OR HORNS AND MAKE SURE THESE WARNING SYSTEMS ARE OPERATIONAL
- AVOID BLIND SPOTS
- USE VEHICLE AS INTENDED AND NOT AS A LADDER (SEE EXAMPLES BELOW)
- THREE POINTS OF CONTACT

- CLAIMANT STANDING ON THE BACK OF A TRUCK DURING YARD WASTE PICKUP AND WAS JOLTED WHEN THE TRUCK HIT A BUMP. CLAIMANT HAD CHEST SURGERY AND TOTAL INCURRED ON THE CLAIM IS \$88,000
- CLAIMANT WAS STANDING ON TRUCK, CUTTING A BRANCH, LOST HIS BALANCE AND FELL OFF FRACTURING HIS LEG. SURGERY TO REPAIR THE FRACTURES TOOK PLACE AND THE TOTAL INCURRED ON THE FILE IS \$104,000.
- CLAIMANT STEPPING OVER HITCH/TRAILER CONNECTION THAT WAS TOO HIGH AND STRUCK HIS KNEE. EXTENSIVE CONSERVATIVE TREATMENT ENSUED AND THE TOTAL INCURRED IS \$115,000