



Descriptions of Compensable Fatalities by Industry (NAICS), Oregon, 2009

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Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing NAICS 11

Beekeeper was driving a truck with a load of insect hives full of live bees. He lost control of the truck and went off the road. The truck crashed into an embankment and the bees escaped from the containers. The driver was stung repeatedly and died from anaphylactic shock. (Occurred in Washington)

Helicopter mechanic was walking away from a helicopter that was just starting to take off. A gust of wind hit the helicopter and flipped it over. The mechanic was hit by the rotor blades, then crushed by the helicopter falling on top of him. (Occurred in California)

Ranch hand was using a farm tractor to tow a trailer full of shale down an incline. He braked and turned sharply, losing control of the tractor and causing it to roll three-quarters of the way over. He was ejected and became trapped under the tire, causing him to asphyxiate. The power take-off shaft on the tractor was unguarded, the driver was not wearing a seatbelt, and the tractor was not equipped with rollover protection. (Investigated by Oregon OSHA)

Logger was operating a chainsaw while cutting up a log. A large boulder had dislodged about 1,000 feet above him and rolled down the hill towards him. He was unable to hear the warnings from his co-workers and failed to move out of the pathway of the rolling boulder. The boulder struck him in the chest, abdomen, and pelvic area, causing fatal blunt force traumatic injuries. (Investigated by Oregon OSHA)

Log truck driver was driving a log truck that was hauling a full load of logs down the highway when the truck went off the road and crashed into several trees that caused the load of logs to shift. A large log from the load was pushed forward on impact went through the back window, causing the victim to be crushed between the tree, the log, and the cab of the truck. The driver was not wearing a seatbelt. He died from blunt abdominal, pelvic, and upper leg trauma. (Investigated by Oregon OSHA)

Log truck driver was driving a fully loaded log truck weighing approximately 86,000 pounds down a gravel logging road when he lost control and went off the road. The truck crashed into a dirt embankment, overturned, and then caught on fire. The driver died from blunt force chest trauma. (Investigated by Oregon OSHA)

Utilities NAICS 22

Natural gas service technician for utility company was driving a service van down a two-lane road. As he rounded a gradual right-hand curve in the road, an oncoming car traveling at a high rate of speed crossed the center line and crashed into him head-on, causing multiple fatal injuries to his head and chest.

Construction NAICS 23

Ironworker died from mesothelioma due to asbestos exposure on the job.

Truck driver was driving a fully loaded semi-truck with a double trailer weighing approximately 150,000 pounds down a hill. He started having brake problems and lost control on a right-hand turn. The truck jackknifed, flipped onto the side, then went down a 50-foot embankment, causing fatal multiple injuries to the driver. (Investigated by Oregon OSHA)

Carpenter was on an eight-foot stepladder using a nail gun to install a metal strip with three-inch nails at a residential construction site. He shot a nail into one of the strips and it ricocheted back towards him, striking him in the head. The nail entered his head above his right ear then came out and fell onto the ground. He died two days later from the penetrating head injury. (Investigated by Oregon OSHA)

Power pole lineman was working with a crew on the ground, loading power poles onto a truck trailer. After the fourth pole was loaded, he unfastened the rigging chain from the pole. The chain became hung up on part of the trailer, causing the pole to fall backwards. The 1,500-pound pole went over the victim, struck the pole

pile, and then bounced back toward him. The pole struck his head and pinned his body to the ground. He suffered head injuries and died in the hospital 10 days later. (Investigated by Oregon OSHA)

Helicopter pilot was flying a helicopter trying to position a rope to be used for placing power lines onto the power poles. One or more of the main rotor blades struck the top of one of the upright power poles, causing the helicopter to spin out of control. The pilot died instantly from multiple traumatic injuries.

Construction foreman was working on a remote gravel road for a construction company. He was operating a road grader when he either fell or jumped from the machinery and was run over by the grader. He died from crushing chest trauma. (Investigated by Oregon OSHA)

Manufacturing NAICS 31-33

Welder entered a side door of a 27-foot tank in order to fix a small crack. At first arc, the tank exploded, causing the ceiling of the tank to cave in. The welder was buried inside the tank in falling mud and debris. He died from multiple blunt force traumatic injuries. (Investigated by Oregon OSHA)

Machinist was using a 40-foot lathe to remove the cracks and smooth out some rough spots on a metal end shaft. His coveralls became entangled with a rotating cathead bolt on the side of the machine and he was pulled into the lathe, causing fatal multiple trunk and lower body injuries. (Investigated by Oregon OSHA)

Machine operator was operating a paint booth machine. A unit of plywood was put onto the transfer chains to start the cycle. The operator reached inside the machine to clean the electronic eye and the panel straightener part of the machine cycled. He was caught in the machinery, causing traumatic fatal crushing injuries to the chest and abdomen. (Investigated by Oregon OSHA)

Wholesale Trade NAICS 42

Truck driver was standing on the hydraulic loading deck at the rear of his semi-truck in a parking lot. He fell or jumped from the loading deck as another semi-truck was driving by and was run over by the rear tires of the passing semi-truck, causing multiple fatal trunk injuries. (Investigated by Oregon OSHA)

Transportation and Warehousing NAICS 48-49

Truck driver was walking to his truck across a dimly lit parking lot when he was struck from behind by a yard-switcher truck that another employee was attempting to turn around. He suffered fatal torso injuries from the impact. (Occurred in Washington)

Truck driver was driving on a major interstate overpass when he hit an icy patch and lost control. The truck hit the guardrail, fell 15 feet from the overpass, and landed on its' side on the road below. He died from head injuries the next morning. (Occurred in Washington)

Truck driver was driving a double tanker truck full of fuel down an interstate that was wet from a recent rain. The truck wandered off the freeway and traveled approximately 70 feet before striking a light pole. The truck rotated 180 degrees, overturned, exploded, and became engulfed in flames. The driver was trapped in the cab and died from smoke inhalation. (Investigated by Oregon OSHA)

Truck driver for a transportation company lost control of his semi-truck on a highway and crashed. He died from fatal head injuries. (Occurred in Washington)

Truck driver was driving a water-tanker truck that was traveling downhill with smoke coming off the brakes. When he attempted to negotiate a right turn, he lost control and the truck rolled over two or three times. The victim died from fatal blunt force trauma. (Investigated by Oregon OSHA)

Diesel mechanic was driving a utility truck down a rural two-lane road returning from a work assignment. A pickup truck in the oncoming lane crossed the center line and crashed into the utility truck head on. The utility truck rolled over onto its top and slid off the road. The worker suffered fatal injuries to his head and neck.

Professional and Technical Services NAICS 54

Lawyer traveling down two-lane highway to a work meeting in his car crossed the center line into the oncoming traffic and hit a pickup truck head-on causing fatal head and chest injuries.

Administrative and Waste Svcs NAICS 56

Garbage truck driver in the back of his dump truck was trying to un-jam some trash that was keeping the crushing mechanism from operating. The power takeoff unit was still engaged and running. When the victim dislodged the material from the interlock switch, the hydraulic ram activated and returned to the front of the compactor box. He was crushed between the ram and the front wall of the compactor and died from multiple blunt force injuries. (Investigated by Oregon OSHA).

Flagger was directing traffic at a road construction project where the crew was repaving the road. A dump truck ahead of him was backing up to dump a load of asphalt on the road and did not see him standing there. The truck hit the flagger and ran over him, causing multiple fatal injuries. (Investigated by Oregon OSHA)

Accommodation and Food Svcs. NAICS 72

Bartender was working alone tending bar near closing time when he was shot in the chest and killed in an apparent robbery. (Investigated by Oregon OSHA)

Educational Svcs. NAICS 61

Flight instructor was flying a helicopter with a trainee. For an unknown reason, the helicopter went out of control and crashed down in a field. Both occupants died from multiple blunt force injuries. Although this was a multiple fatality event, it resulted in only one compensable fatality.

State and Local Government NAICS 92

Road maintenance worker was driving a company pickup truck across a bridge when he lost control and crashed into the edge of the concrete bridge deck. His face hit the dash on impact, causing extensive facial fractures. He died approximately four months later from complications due to the facial fractures.

Bomb technician and **police captain** were responding to a bomb threat at a bank and found a bomb outside of the bank. They thought it was a fake bomb so they carried it inside the bank to dismantle it. The device detonated and the explosion caused multiple fatal injuries to both men. Multiple fatality event involving two compensable deaths (Investigated by Oregon OSHA)

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