

5. Struck by vehicle

A **49-year-old** roadway flagger was killed when he was struck by a vehicle while he was crossing a highway during a sewer-line installation project. After flagging operations had been terminated for the day, the victim stood and observed the on-going excavation work. He saw that the track-hoe operator was in the process of backfilling a pipe joint that had been installed and was preparing to excavate for another section of pipe to be installed. The victim decided to get another section of PVC sewer pipe from the staging area and carry it across the highway for the next section of piping to be installed. It was company policy and practice that when a pipe was retrieved from the staging area that flagging operations be in place. However, the victim carried the eight-inch-in-diameter-by-14-feet long pipe on his right shoulder and walked across the road. As he crossed the road, he was struck by a privately-owned vehicle driving on the highway. The impact fatally injured the victim. All safety precautions required by TOSHA standards were being observed at the time.

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The route of the victim