

#2: Struck By – Inspection #317585735

A **67 year old male** part time property maintenance employee was cutting down a dead tree approximately 55 feet tall and 31 inches in diameter at the west side of the property. As the employee was cutting down the tree a limb, approximately 6 inches in diameter, fell and struck the victim on the head and shoulders. The victim succumbed to the injuries three days later. Personal protective equipment was provided on the job site, but the victim was not wearing it nor was he trained in how and when to use it.

Citation(s) as Originally Issued

A complete inspection was conducted at the accident scene. Some of the items cited may not directly relate to the fatality.

Citation 1

29 CFR 1910.132(d)(1)	The employer did not assess the work place to determine if hazards were present, or likely to be present, which necessitate the use of personal protective equipment.
29 CFR 1910.132(f)(1)	A training program had not been conducted for all employees who wear required to wear personal protective equipment
29 CFR 1910.266(d)(1)(iv)	The employer did not assure that each employee who operates a chain saw wears leg protection constructed with cut-resistant material, such as ballistic nylon, that covers the full length of the thigh to the top of the boot.
29 CFR 1910.266(d)(1)(vi)	The employer did not assure that each employee who operates a chainsaw where there is potential for head injury from falling or flying objects wears head protection meeting the requirements of subpart I of Part 1910.
29 CFR 1910.266(d)(1)(vii)A	The employer did not assure that each employee who operates a chainsaw where there is potential for eye and face protection meeting the requirements of subpart I of Part 1910.
29 CFR 1910.266(d)(6)(ii)	The distance between adjacent occupied work areas was not at least two tree lengths of the trees being felled
29 CFR 1910.266(i)(3)(iii)	The employer did not provide training for each employee, including supervisors, in the recognition, prevention, and control of safety and health hazards associated with the employee's work tasks, including the use of measures to prevent or control these hazards.

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Citation 1

29 CFR 1910.266(i)(7)(i)	The employer did not assure that each employee, including supervisors, receives or has received first aid and CPR training.
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photo 1 – Fell dead tree

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Photo 2 – Place where victim was struck by limb