

**#19: Struck By – Inspection #317819175**

A **63 year old male** employee was struck by a forklift. The victim was checking tag numbers on paper rolls included in his next shipment. As he stepped out from behind a row of paper rolls a forklift operator, who was transferring paper rolls inside the warehouse, rounded the corner and struck the victim with his forklift. The paper roll was 72 inches in height and being carried 4-6 inches off the ground giving a total height of 76-78 inches from the ground level and obstructing the operators view while traveling forward. The fatally injured victim was 70 inches in height. The forklift was operating in an area not designated for forklift travel.

**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**

Item 1 1910.176(a)	Where mechanical handling equipment was used, permanent aisle and passageways were not marked: In that the storage area where the accident occurred was not adequately marked to prevent employees on forklifts from traveling through this area.
Item 2 1910.178(n)(6)	Employees operating forklifts did not keep a clear view of their path of travel in the warehouse area: In that the forklift operator's view was obstructed when traveling forward while carrying a 72 inch paper roll 4-6 inches off the ground blocking his field of view.

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Photo 1 of 1: Victim was struck by a forklift