

33 Struck by a tree – Inspection #1194278

A **29 year old male** employee was fatally injured when he was struck by a tree. An Electrical Crew responded to a trouble call for a wire down. Due to the location of the pole, a bucket truck could not be used to access the pole, so the victim, a lineman, climbed the pole to repair and restore power. During this process, a strong gust of wind snapped a tree located beyond the cleared right-of-way. The falling tree struck the victim while he was near the top of the pole, pinning him to the pole. A supervisor and another lineman performed a pole top rescue to remove the victim from the pole. CPR was performed until EMS arrived.

Violation(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.

No violations of the TOSHA standards were found on the day of the investigation.

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Photo 1 of 1 – Rotten tree hanging on cable lines as indicated by red arrow.