

Minnesota OSHA Fatality Investigation Summary (updated July 2, 2020)

FFY 2018 (Oct. 1, 2017 – Sept. 30, 2018)

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318104817 9/27/17 Bemidji No inspection	Drywall & Insulation Contractor 238310 6	While installing sheetrock on a vaulted ceiling, a carpenter fell over 5 feet from the plank of a mobile fabricated frame scaffold onto the concrete floor below.	No inspection. No employer/employee relationship.
318105079 318105376 318106655 10/5/17 Tenney	Structural Steel & Precast Concrete Contractors 238120 180 Other Management Consulting Service 541618 25 Grain & Field Bean Merchant Wholesalers 424510 75	A laborer fell more than 100 feet from a grain elevator.	Citations Issued for structural steel contractor. No citations issued for the other employers

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318105202 10/5/17 Watkins	Wood Preservation 321114 30	A maintenance employee was replacing an old key with new key stock on a material handling unit when the frame of the unit rotated, trapping the employee.	Citations issued
318106218 10/13/17 Montevideo	General Automotive Repair 811111 1	An acquaintance was pinned between a vehicle and a tool box when an employee drove the vehicle up a ramp.	No inspection. No employer/employee relationship.
318106051 318106176 10/25/17 Delano	Highway, Street & Bridge Construction 237310 80 Highway, Street & Bridge Construction 237310 25	A truck driver was struck by a truck that was being backed up.	Citations issued for both employers
318106143 10/24/17 Magnolia	Farm Supplies Merchant Wholesaler 424910 10883	A truck driver was descending stairs and fell, landing on a cement floor.	Citation Issued

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318106358 10/23/17 St. Paul	Nonchocolate Confectionery Mfg. 311340 225	An employee died from a blood infection.	No citations
318106457 10/24/17 Ellendale	Specialized Freight Trucking, Local 484220 274	A truck driver fell from the top of an engine compartment while cleaning the windshield.	Citations Issued
318106390 10/13/17 Porter	Nursery & Tree Production 111421 5	A farm worker fell from a tractor.	No inspection. Family farm exemption.
318107091 318107984 11/7/17 St. Paul	Home Healthcare Services 621610 515 Home Healthcare Services 621610 24	A personal care attendant was stabbed.	Citation Issued

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318107364 11/20/17 St. Cloud	General Freight Trucking 484121 932	A detailer was cleaning out a truck cab, standing on the truck step about 4 feet off the ground, when the detailer fell backwards.	No citations
318107430 11/27/17 Le Roy	Farm & Garden Machinery & Equipment Merchant Wholesaler 423820 200	A mechanic technician fell 11 feet while moving from a tractor bucket to an aerial lift basket.	Citations issued
318107844 11/30/17 Wadena	Potato Farming 111211 828	A laborer was found unresponsive near an energized 480 V electrical cord that had the plug end partially disassembled exposing the terminals.	Citation issued
12/6/17 Benson	Power Boiler & Heat Exchanger Mfg. 332410 117 Power & Communication Line Construction 237130 1100	A welder was killed while inside an ash processing tower when a dried piece of ash fell from the inside walls or ceiling of the tower.	Case open

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318108594 318108909 318108883 12/13/17 Hugo	Specialized Freight Trucking, Local 484220 1 Logging 113310 140 Specialized Freight Trucking, Local 484220 1	A worker was pinned between a semi-trailer and a loader in the yard area.	No citations issued for the first employer; One citation issued for the other two employers
318108784 12/27/17 Anoka	Sheet Metal Work Mfg. 332322 1555	An employee was found lying on the floor at their workstation.	No inspection; not work-related.
318109022 1/8/18 Chaska	Elementary and Secondary Schools 611110 1590	A worker fell from an 8 foot step ladder while hanging a thermostat wire.	Citation Issued

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318109774 318109766 1/20/18 Faribault	Siding Contractor 238170 31 New Multifamily Housing Construction 236116 27	A worker installing a gutter was electrocuted when the elevated work platform contacted a power line.	Citations issued for siding contractor; no citations for other contractor
318110145 1/26/18 South St. Paul	Metal Service Center Wholesalers 423510 17	A worker was found pinned under palletized steel.	Citation issued
318116373 4/30/18 Fergus Falls	Commercial Bakeries 311812 21,000	A worker was found lying on the floor in the fermentation room.	No Inspection; not work-related.
318116522 5/15/18 Cloquet	Paper (except Newsprint) Mills 322121 1,150	A worker was found lying on the floor by the steam heater.	No citations issued
318116548 5/16/18 Richfield	Landscaping Services 561730 3	A worker was struck in the head by a dislodged guard cover of a wood chipper.	No Inspection; no employer/employee relationship

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318116688 318116738 5/16/18 Shakopee	Temporary Help Services 561320 5,500 Commercial Printing 323111 20,000	A worker was found lying on the floor in an automated area.	No Citations
318117389 5/18/18 Lamberton	Grain and Field Bean Merchant Wholesalers 424510 243	An employee slid into a silo chute and was engulfed by soybeans.	Citations Issued
318117470 5/14/18 Sartell	Industrial Valve Manufacturing 332911 410	An employee fell when attempting to step up from an OSB board attached to a metal skid onto an OSB board that was sitting on top of two large machined parts.	No Citations
318117728 6/4/18 Ivanhoe	Hog and Pig Farming 112210 2	An employee was asphyxiated while power washing inside a building.	No Inspection. Family Farm Exemption.

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318118536 6/6/18 Marshall	Other Gasoline Stations 447190 58	An employee fell/tripped while filling diesel fuel tanks.	No Inspection; not work-related.
318118833 6/29/18 Orr	Electric Power Distribution 221122 130	An employee was preparing to install grounds prior to repairing a power line and insulator and was found lying on the ground.	No citations
7/18/18 Bayport	Correctional Institutions 922140 3500	An employee was assaulted by an offender.	Case Open
318120177 7/22/18 Heron Lake	Support Activities for Animal Production 115210 2	An employee fell into a manure pit while pressure washing.	Citations Issued
318122587 8/29/18 Elk River	Wheat Farming 111140 72	An employee was found lying on the ground in a field area.	No inspection-Natural Causes

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318122876 6/8/18 Inver Grove Heights	Religious Organizations 813110 18	A lawn mower rolled over the top of an employee.	Citations Issued
318123296 318123304 9/20/18 Minneapolis	Electrical Contractors and Other Wiring Installation Contractors 238210 90 Oil and Gas Pipeline and Related Structures Construction 237120 7,900	An employee was electrocuted while changing out light bulbs.	Citations issued for electrical contractor. No citations issued for other employer
318123700 9/24/18 Stillwater	Correctional Institutions 922140 3,500	Employee was standing in a pod and collapsed.	No citations

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318123833 9/18/18	Internet Publishing and Broadcasting and Web Search Portals 519130	Employee died of natural causes.	No inspection; no jurisdiction, occurred in a different state.

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