New Mexico Occupational Health & Safety

FATAL FACTS



No. 8775-010

Accident Type:	Struck by	
Number of Fatalities	1	14
Weather Conditions:	Windy	13
Type of Operation:	Dairy Products	13
Size of Work Crew:	10	
Competent Safety Monitor on Site:	No	
Safety and Health Program in Effect:	Yes	8 2 2 2
Was the Worksite Inspected Regularly:	No	•
Training and Education Provided:	Yes	
Employees Job Titles:	Warehouse Operator	
Age & Gender:	35 Male	
Experience at this Type of Work:	15 years	
Time on Project:	3 years	

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

The worker was opening and attempting to secure the back doors of a cargo trailer when a gust of wind knocked him into the concrete wall of the loading dock, causing fatal head injuries.

INSPECTION RESULTS

The inspection revealed the employer maintained a safe working environment and provided employees with adequate training and protective equipment. No citations were issued.

ACCIDENT PREVENTION RECOMMENDATIONS

Employers should stress to employees that windy conditions pose a safety threat and extra precaution should be taken to avoid serious injuries during abnormal weather conditions.