Fatal Facts

No. 8775-010

Accident Type: Struck by
Number of Fatalities: 1
Weather Conditions: Windy
Type of Operation: Dairy Products
Size of Work Crew: 10
Competent Safety Monitor on Site: No
Safety and Health Program in Effect: Yes
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.