

# TEXAS MUTUAL SAFETY ALERT

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As a service to our policyholders, Texas Mutual shares serious workplace injury trends based on catastrophic injuries and fatalities reported to our claims department. Not all of these reported injuries are covered by workers' compensation, but our goal is to help you ensure these types of incidents do not happen in your workplace. Find safety tips below to help keep your employees safe on the job.

If you have questions, we encourage you to contact our safety services support center at **844-WORKSAFE (967-5723)** or [safety@texasmutual.com](mailto:safety@texasmutual.com).

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## CRUSHING BY VEHICLE INJURIES

While an employee was inspecting the underside of an 18-wheeler, the truck was accidentally put in reverse. A tragic accident occurred when the employee was crushed by the truck.

Vehicles have many energy sources, such as moving parts and electrical systems. These sources can start unexpectedly and cause serious harm. This case highlights the importance of using proper lockout/tagout procedures when working with vehicles, not just equipment. Following these procedures helps protect employees from hazardous energy during servicing, inspections and maintenance.



### Safety tips:

- Always remove the ignition key before working on or under a vehicle.
- Disconnect battery cables when working near electrical or moving components.
- Use lockout/tagout devices, such as padlocks and tags, to prevent accidental startup.
- Confirm the vehicle cannot be started or moved before beginning work.
- Follow facility-specific procedures for secure vehicle maintenance.

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## SINGLE VEHICLE ACCIDENTS



An employee lost their life in a head-on collision while driving a company vehicle to work. Another fatal accident happened when an employee transporting gravel crashed on the way to a jobsite.

Single vehicle accidents can have life-changing consequences for both employees and businesses. These examples highlight how work-related driving exposes employees to serious dangers every day. Defensive driving skills and safe habits are essential to help prevent accidents. By making safety a priority and taking advantage of available training, you can better protect yourself on the road.



### Safety tips:

- Attend defensive driving courses to improve awareness and reaction skills.
- Never drive while tired, distracted or under the influence of any substances.
- Always wear a seatbelt and check that all equipment is secure before driving.
- Obey speed limits and adjust your driving for road and weather conditions.
- Report any vehicle issues so repairs can be made promptly.

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