



Driver killed when run-over by co-worker

Industry: General Freight
Occupation: Truck Driver / Mechanic
Task: Adjusting Brakes

A 51-year-old truck driver/mechanic for a general freight trucking company was doing the pre-trip safety checks on his and a co-worker's truck at the company yard. The victim adjusted the brakes on both trucks and finished the safety inspection. He then told his co-worker that they were ready to go make their deliveries.

The co-worker got into his truck and was checking his maps. He did not see the victim and assumed he had gone to his truck. He was blocking the victim's trailer, so he drove forward to give him room to back up to his trailer. As he was pulling forward he looked into his rear view mirror and saw the victim's feet sticking out from under the trailer.

A police report determined that the victim was under the front of the truck and was run over by both sets of wheels. A wrench and hammer were found under the truck. The wrench fit the bolts that were used to adjust the brakes.



Injury Prevention Tips To Prevent Run-over Injuries

- Develop and follow procedures to make sure people are clear of trucks and trailers before moving.
- Do a walk-around prior to moving the vehicle; look under it.
- Improve the driver's visibility from the cab. Consider adding:
 - More mirrors.
 - Closed circuit television cameras with a cab monitor. This choice may be appropriate for certain types of vehicles, such as straight trucks and waste collection trucks.
- Give the truck keys to the mechanic. Return them to the driver only after the mechanic's work is done.

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