

FATALITY ALERT

On June 16, 2016 approximately 48 employees were performing or supporting asbestos abatement at a High School. They began the project on June 5, 2016. They worked in several areas known as Phase 2, Phase 3, and Phase 4. They had a job trailer located on the school property in the northeast corner.

On the day of the incident two employees at the job trailer were getting ready to get supplies from a retail store in town. They did not have the keys to the company truck and the victim volunteered to get the keys from a supervisor who was near the gym of the school. The victim used a John Deere 855D utility vehicle and began to drive in the direction of the gym. As he was driving towards the gym, the vehicle struck a metal gate, which entered the windshield and impaled the employee on the right side of his body, causing him to be forced out of the driver seat.

Significant Factors

- The victim did not receive training on the utility vehicle prior to use

Recommendations

- Brief all employees about the fatality
- Train all employees on how to operate utility vehicles prior to use
- Develop and implement a training program on the use and operation of utility vehicles