

Fatal Alert

On August 24, 2020, at approximately 2:00 PM, an employee cleaning a road shoulder exited their broom sweeper to have a conversation with a fellow employee. During the conversation, the sweeper began to roll downhill and the employee was run over by the sweeper.

Significant factors

- Employee did not engage the parking brake entirely.
- Employee parked the broom sweeper facing uphill on a five ½-grade slope.
- Employee did not chock the wheels after parking the vehicle.

Recommendations

- Train employees to properly operate the broom sweeper.
- Ensure employees engage brakes fully after parking.
- Ensure employees chock the wheels after parking.