

10. Equipment Overturned

A **48-year-old** maintenance and lawn care worker was killed while mowing the grass at a county industrial park. The victim's job was to mow sixteen lawn sites located throughout the county, and he had mowed this site many times. On the day the incident occurred, the victim mowed the law at the local animal shelter then moved on to the industrial park to cut the grass around a billboard located on the site. He used a residential riding lawn mower and was working alone at the site. Co-workers stated that usually the victim walked the embankment at the industrial park using a weed eater to cut the grass. However, on this day he attempted to mow the steep embankment with the riding lawn mower. The embankment had a 32 degree angle at 67 percent slope. As he mowed the embankment, the mower turned over and pinned the victim underneath it. The mower had no rollover protection and no seat belt. A passing motorist saw the mower lying on top of the victim and called 911. The victim was taken to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead from asphyxiation secondary to compression.

Notice of Unsafe or Unhealthful Working Conditions

Violation 1

Item 1 T.C.A. 50-3-105(1)	The employer did not furnish employment and a place of employment which were free from recognized hazards that were causing or likely to cause death or serious physical harm.
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