

#13: Fall – Inspection #317782712

A **57 year old male** employee was injured when he fell from an elevated platform of a Crown order picker powered industrial truck (PIT). On the day of the incident, the victim was either picking up product for an order or he was checking numbers on products in the first aisle of the warehouse. Witnesses stated that the victim was wearing his personal fall arrest system (PFAS) full body harness earlier that day. During the TOSHA investigation it was found that the PFAS lanyard was tied to the anchor point of the PIT but the lanyard was not attached to the “D” ring on the back of the full body harness worn by the victim. The victim was found by a co-worker unresponsive with apparent head injuries. He was taken to a Memphis area hospital where he later passed away due to his injuries.

Citation(s) as Originally Issued

A complete inspection was conducted at the accident scene. Some of the items cited may not directly relate to the fatality.

Citation 1

Item 1 1910.23(c)(1)	Open sided floors or platforms 4 feet or more above the adjacent floor or ground level were not guarded by standard railings (or the equivalent as specified in 29 CFR 1910.23(e)(3)(i) through (v)), on all open sides in that the employer did not ensure a material handler was protected from fall hazards while operating his order picker powered industrial truck (PIT) (i.e. cherry picker); the lanyard was not attached to the “D” ring on the back of his full body harness.
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Photo 1 of 2 – Crown order picker powered industrial truck (PIT).

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Photo 2 of 2 – The arrow points to the platform of the order picker where the victim fell.