

Slip fall on wet floor – Inspection #1074953

A **61 year old female employee** fell from ground level onto her knees in the newly remodeled grocery kitchen area at the end of her work shift. She received medical care the day after the incident, and was on medical leave, when she experienced a fatal heart attack. On the day of the incident, employees were cleaning the kitchen and preparing to leave for the day. The floor had been moped prior to the employee's fall, and other employees had been walking through the area where the employee fell. It is believed that the employee stepped on a wet area of the floor causing the fall. The cleaning process, on the night of the incident, was normal. The victim went to the doctor the day after the incident, and was told to stay off work until 03/31/2015, which was the date of her next doctor appointment. During the doctor visit on 03/31/2015, she was told to be off work until 04/30/2015. The victim did not show for the 04/30/2015 doctor appointment, therefore the employer contacted the victim's husband, and found out the victim passed away on the 15th of April, due to a possible heart attack. It was thought at this time that the cause of death was unrelated to the injury received from the fall. On 06/22/2015, the employer was notified by the husband's attorney that the death may be a worker's compensation case. The employer reported the incident to TOSHA on 06/22/2015.

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.

No violations of the TOSHA standards were found on the day of the investigation.