

3 Struck by skid – Inspection #1128872

A **23 year old female** temporary employee was injured when struck by a skid of pan containers. The victim was located on one side of the skid when the forklift operator pushed the skid from the opposite side striking her right foot and ankle. The skid with 30 returnable pan containers weighed approximately 245 lbs. The victim reported the injury at the end of her shift. The victim went to the emergency room, underwent x-rays, was treated and released with the diagnosis of a contusion. She was allowed to return to work on light duty the next day. She continued to work on light duty for the remainder of her scheduled work week. After completing her shift, seven days after the incident, she went home with no apparent complications. The following morning her husband discovered her in bed and unresponsive. According to the coroner's office, the cause of death was a pulmonary embolism (blood clot). Based off this information, it was determined that the fatality was likely related to the incident with the skid and forklift.

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.



Photo 1 of 1 – Location of the injured employee (red arrow), the forklift (yellow arrow) and the skid of the pan containers (green arrow).