

BWC Update

Safety news from the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation

Never strikeout with BWC

Getting hit by an object or striking against one is a real danger in the agriculture industry, where workers encounter a number of materials that can cause serious injuries or even death. Staying vigilant and following safety procedures are the keys to avoiding collisions.

BWC has several recommendations for reducing the risk of getting struck by or striking against objects. These include:

- Providing secure storage of materials and equipment to prevent sliding and collapse;
- Barricading any location where objects could fall or strike workers;
- Ensuring all equipment and tools are properly guarded;
- Prohibiting work under suspended loads.

BWC offers a number of resources your company can use to educate workers about the hazards on the job, and safety measures to avoid accidents, including:

- Training courses on construction safety elements, powered industrial trucks and temporary traffic management;
- Safety consulting services on equipment/machine guarding assessment, lockout/tag-out program assessment;
- Videos on safety manual handling and rigging operations;
- *Safety Talks* on the machine guarding and hazardous energy.

BWC is available to assist in keeping your employees safe from hazards that may be present in the worksite, including:

- Airborne dust, fumes and vapors;
- Confined spaces;
- Overexertion due to material handling and repetitive, awkward postures;
- Slips, trips and falls.

More information is available about preventing injuries in the agriculture industry by [clicking here](#).

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