

FATALGRAM

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Date of Accident: April 7, 2002

Oil & Gas Industry

A truck driver was killed when he was crushed beneath the load he was hauling.

Description of Accident: The driver was returning two flatbed trailers to the company's storage yard. He was hauling one flatbed trailer on top of the flatbed trailer he was pulling (piggy back). The victim was engaged in removing the load binders and chains used to secure the load to the flatbed trailer. The victim had to climb underneath the top flatbed trailer to loosen the tie-down chain. As he loosened the tie-down chain, the top flatbed trailer rolled forward causing the landing gear to collapse and the trailer to fall which crushed the victim between the two trailers.

ACCIDENT PREVENTION RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Ensure that employees always chock the wheels of trailer equipment being transported on flatbed trailers.
- Ensure that locking pins are in place and secured on the landing gear legs of flatbed trailers being transported on semi tractor-trailers.
- An employer should have a written safety program which includes enforcement and discipline procedures to ensure that employees follow the employer's safety requirements. The employer should take steps to discover employee violations and document disciplinary action taken.