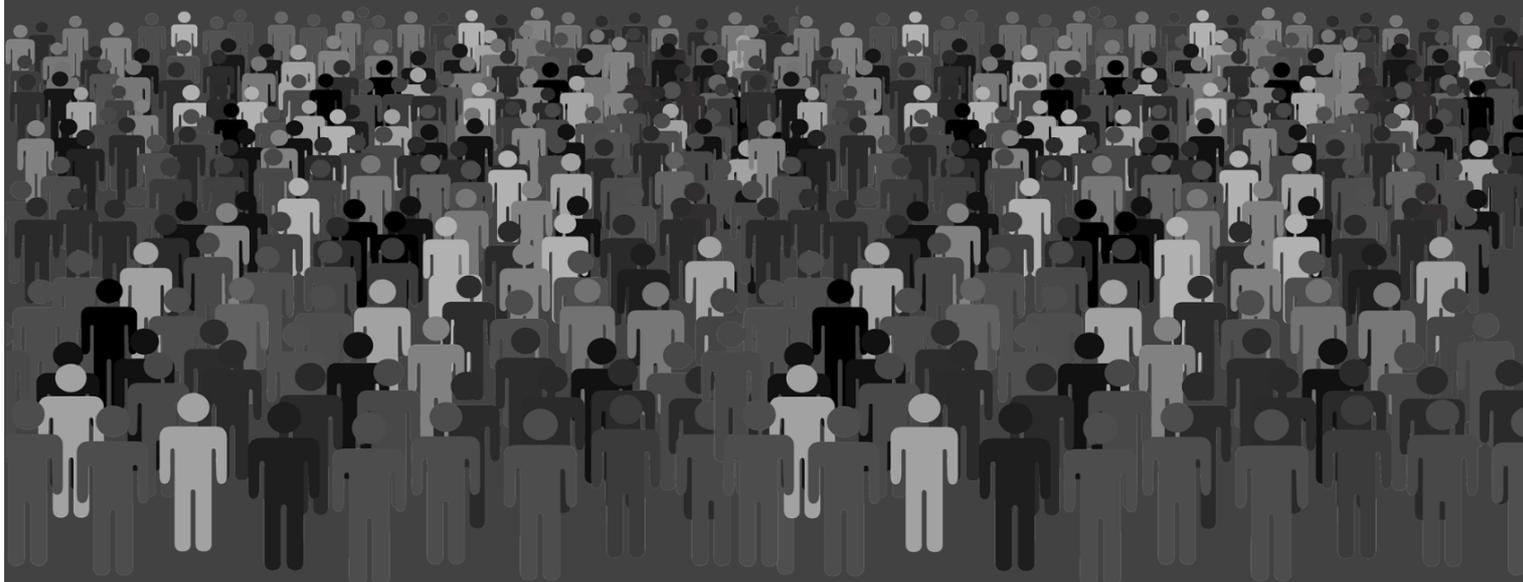
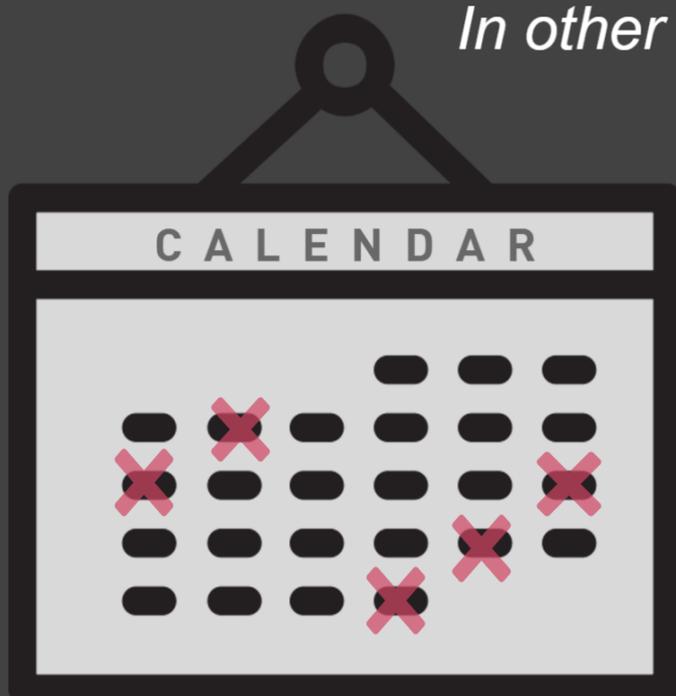


FROM 2008-2013, IN MASSACHUSETTS



Three hundred fifty-six **WORKERS** DIED ON THE JOB

In other words...



Every

5 days

someone was
fatally injured at work
in Massachusetts

WHO WERE THEY...?

Workers in the following 3 industry sectors were

Agriculture,
Forestry, Fishing
& Hunting



VICTIM



38-year-old dockworker
suffers carbon monoxide
poisoning while
cleaning
fishing vessel

21x

more likely to
die on the job

30 total deaths

43 deaths per 100,000
full-time MA workers

22 of these deaths were among those working in commercial fishing

Construction



VICTIM



27-year-old laborer
falls from ladder
at residential
construction site

4x

more likely to
die on the job

85 total deaths

8 deaths per 100,000
full-time MA workers

47 of these deaths were caused by falls to a lower level

Transportation,
Warehousing
& Utilities



VICTIM



28-year-old
refuse collection worker
struck by backing
collection truck

4x

more likely to
die on the job

38 total deaths

8 deaths per 100,000
full-time MA workers

16 of these deaths
were related to motor vehicles or mobile equipment

compared to workers overall

2 deaths per 100,000 full-time MA workers

1 in 5
workers who died
was born
outside of the US



83 total deaths

VICTIM

49-year-old
warehouse worker from
Vietnam struck by
falling metal grates
knocked down by
reach truck

VICTIM

37-year-old laborer
from Ireland
compressed between
steel beam and
scissor lift

VICTIM

55-year-old municipal
mechanic from
Colombia crushed by
skid-steer loader

14%
of work fatalities
occurred in the
government/public sector

51 total deaths

VICTIM

50-year-old municipal
forestry foreman
drowns during
ice storm



16 of these deaths
occurred among those
working in police protection

Workers
ages 65+
were

3x

more likely to
die on the job

compared to workers <35

45-54 year olds
accounted for the
greatest number of fatalities:

99 total deaths

VICTIM

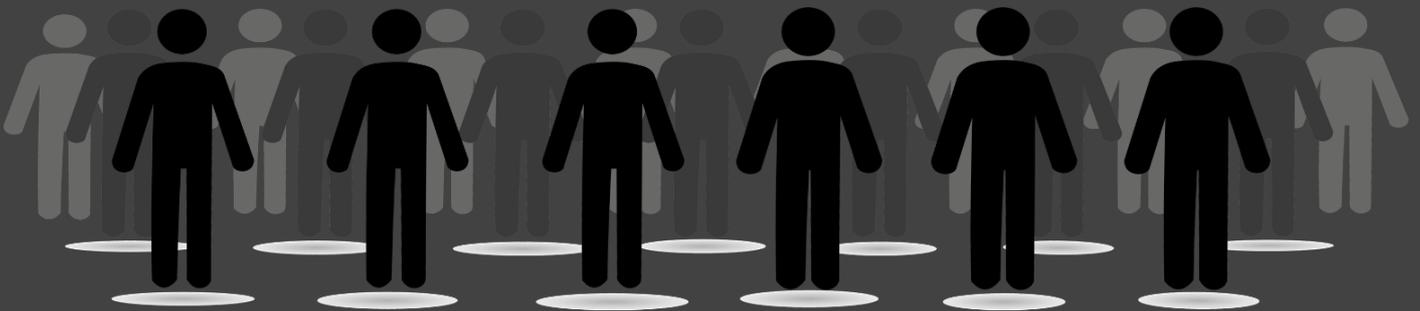


67-year-old
police officer struck
by vehicle while
directing
traffic

VICTIM



71-year-old
crossing guard
struck by vehicle
while assisting
children



...so many lives lost.

Yet, work-related fatalities
are preventable



What Can Employers Do?

KNOW

which OSHA standards apply

www.osha.gov/law-regs.html

Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA)

U.S. Department of Labor

Complying with relevant OSHA standards will help to protect workers from job-related injury and illness, including fatal injury. Employers that do not adhere to these standards risk facing substantial fines.

While Massachusetts public sector employees are not covered under federal OSHA, the MA Department of Labor Standards (DLS), which enforces protections of these workers, utilizes OSHA standards as a basis for its inspections. Learn more about public sector worker protections on the DLS website: www.mass.gov/dols.

REQUEST

a free safety consultation

www.mass.gov/dols

On-site Consultation Program

MA Department of Labor Standards (DLS)

DLS offers free consultation services to help employers recognize and control potential hazards at their work sites and assist in training employees.

This service primarily targets smaller businesses in high hazard industries like manufacturing, healthcare, and construction.

The service is confidential, and any unsafe or unhealthy working conditions found will not be reported routinely to OSHA inspection staff.

LEARN

from previous similar fatalities

www.mass.gov/dph/FACE

MA Fatality Assessment & Control Evaluation Project (MA FACE)

MA Department of Public Health

MA FACE seeks to learn about factors that contribute to work fatalities, and uses the information to develop and share recommendations to prevent similar future deaths.

All victims referenced above are cases that were investigated by MA FACE. The written reports and employer recommendations, for these and many other cases, are available online.

MA FACE is one of many state-based FACE programs funded by the National Institute for Occupational Safety & Health.

Sources:

Massachusetts Fatality Assessment & Control Evaluation Project

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