

The 2nd Michigan worker death of 2017 occurred on February 1, 2017. Employers and employees are urged to use extreme care and safety diligence in all work activities. The information below shares **preliminary details** about the most recent fatality reported to the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA). The description reflects information provided to MIOSHA at the initial report of the incident and is not the result of the official MIOSHA investigation.

***Preliminary summary of incident: On February 1, 2017, at approximately 7:00 p.m., a 61-year-old truck driver was watching two mechanics work on the inside rear tire of a truck. One mechanic left to retrieve a tool while the other mechanic was removing the air chuck. The truck driver approached the tire when the side wall of the tire exploded, releasing the compressed air and throwing the truck driver backwards where his head struck the floor. The employee died in route to the hospital.***

If you need help or assistance in ensuring your workplace is safe, MIOSHA is there with resources to help. The Consultation Education and Training (CET) Division provides workplace safety and health training and consultations to employers and employees throughout Michigan free of charge. Contact CET today at 800-866-4674 or submit a request online at [www.michigan.gov/cetrca](http://www.michigan.gov/cetrca).

Every life is precious. Our mutual goal must be that every employee goes home at the end of their shift every day!

<u>Fatality Number</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Type of Injury</u>	<u>Description</u>
2.	02/01/17	Truck Driver	61	Struck By	A 61-year-old truck driver was watching two mechanics work on the inside rear tire of a truck. One mechanic left to retrieve a tool while the other mechanic was removing the air chuck. The truck driver approached the tire when the side wall of the tire exploded, releasing the compressed air and throwing the truck driver backwards where his head struck the floor. The employee died in route to the hospital.

The full fatality list for 2017 can be found on the [website](#).