

2015 Scrap Recycling Industry Fatality Overview*

Date	Location	Description/Apparent Cause	Training Resources
1/15/2015	Bensalem, PA	Vehicle accident involved four cars and two commercial motor vehicles. One truck driver was killed as a result of the accident. Although the accident is under investigation these resources are recommended.	ISRI ISRI
2/20/15	Troy, AL	Worker burned by barrel fire used to provide warmth.	OSHA OSHA CDC
3/4/2015	Waukesha, WI	The worker was killed instantly when he was struck in the head by a forklift.	ISRI ISRI ISRI
3/17/2015	Cartersville, GA	While cleaning a mixer machine the worker became caught in a roller bar and was dragged through the equipment.	OSHA ISRI OSHA
03/28/15	San Antonio, TX	Worker killed in fall from a dump trailer ladder.	OSHA OSHA ISRI
05/18/15	Anderson, SC	Incident still under investigation (worker killed while operating a car/logger baler, incident was fire related).	OSHA ISRI ISRI ISRI
6/15/2015	Neosho, MO	While handling empty military shell casings scheduled for recycling, an explosion occurred, killing one employee, and injuring a second employee who was treated at an area hospital for moderate injuries.	DOD
6/15/2015	Winter Garden, FL	While attempting to clear a jammed cardboard baler, the employee became caught inside the baler and was crushed.	NIOSH OSHA ISRI
06/24/15	Houston, TX	While sorting aluminum cans the employee died from heat exhaustion	OSHA OSHA CDC

07/02/15	St. Louis, MO	While using a pry bar to remove a pin that was lodged in a shredder, the employee lost his balance striking his head on a railing.	OSHA OSHA ISRI
08/08/15	Chocowinity, NC	Struck by related death, the employee was pinned under a container.	OSHA OSHA
08/12/15	Spokane, WA	While processing scrap metal a 1-ton gas cylinder was punctured, which released a hazardous gas. More than ten employees became ill, and one employee died as a result four days later on 08/16/15.	NIDOH CDC PHMSA/ERG
09/14/15	Isom, KY	While working on a fork lift, the forks collapsed striking and killing the employee.	OSHA OSHA WAOSHA ISRI
09/23/15	Tucson, AZ	While cutting in to scrap metal an object exploded killing the employee. The object was later determined as military ordinance.	DOD
<i>*The above is based upon available public information. Actual causes of these incidents may prove to be different following thorough investigation.</i>			
Other Valuable Safety Resources			
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ISRI Recommended Industry Practices		ISRI Safety Point Newsletter Archives	
OSHA Recommended Safety Practices			