

In 2016, there were 14 fatalities that occurred on construction worksites in Washington State.

Don't take for granted or be complacent on your jobsite. Be aware of your surroundings and activities.

Here are just some of those who died and what happened.

**1/26/2016** A journeyman pipe layer was replacing a sewer line at a residence. He was working 7 feet down in a trench that was 21 inches wide by 6 feet long when the trench collapsed, burying him.

**1/27/2016** A construction laborer was climbing a 24-foot extension ladder when the upper section of the ladder bent and broke, causing him to fall 12 feet to the ground.

**2/29/2016** A carpenter was sheathing a roof of a two-story house when he fell 18 feet to the ground.

**3/25/2016** A landscaper was trimming a tree when a part of the tree he was cutting fell and hit the ladder which he was standing on, knocking him off and caused him to fall 8 feet.

**4/14/2016** A plumber was performing maintenance on a water filled grease trap when he fell head first into it and became wedged in the pit full of liquid and drowned.

**4/21/2016** The owner of a tree service company was topping a tree when he was struck by branch he was cutting and fell 51 feet to the ground.

**5/16/2016** A mason working on a brick façade of an apartment building fell 49 feet from a scaffold and landed on cement below.

**5/19/2016** An excavator operator employed by a landscaping company was crushed between the cab and arm of an excavator.

**6/11/2016** A tractor operator was clearing brush on mountain side when the tractor he was operating got too close to a soft embankment which gave way. The tractor rolled down the embankment, ejecting the operator who was then pinned under the tractor. He was hired by a friend to clear brush on his land.

**6/28/2016** An appliance repair technician was driving a company owned van along a state highway on the way back from a service job when his vehicle struck a deer.

**7/1/2016** A construction foreman and a laborer were in a boom supported elevated work platform working under a bridge and over a roadway. The work platform was lowered into the oncoming traffic lane and truck collided with it. The foreman, who was not using fall protection, was ejected and landed 48 feet below. The laborer who was using fall protection was injured but survived.

**8/27/2016** A roofing contractor had just ascended to a residential roof and was in the process of tying off using fall protection when the tar paper on which he was standing ripped and he slid off the roof and fell about 25 feet, landing on a concrete patio.

**9/12/2016** A construction laborer was doing repair work on the roof of a cow barn when he fell through the roof, landing 12 feet below on concrete below.

**10/5/2016** A painting contractor was working at a residence doing an exterior paint job when he fell from a ladder, landing 20 feet below on concrete.

**Each year Washington State honors those who have died at the worker memorial.**

<http://www.lni.wa.gov/Main/AboutLNI/workermemorial/day/>

Please, look out for each other, there is no reason why a worker should not go home to their families. Let's be safe out there!