



ALASKA FACE Facts

Department of Health and Social Services
 Division of Public Health-Section of CHEMS
 Occupational Injury Prevention Program

A Low Bed Trailer Operator was Crushed During a Surface Compactor Tipover



On June 9, 1997, a low bed trailer operator (the victim) was crushed when a surface compactor he was operating tipped over while being unloaded from a low bed trailer. As the victim backed the compactor down one of the trailer ramps, the machine became unbalanced and began to slide and tip sideways off the trailer bed and ramp. The victim jumped from the operator's position but was crushed by the rollover protection structure (ROPS). Emergency medical services were notified immediately after the incident. The victim was extracted and transported to the nearest medical center. He died from his injuries later that evening.

Based on the findings of the investigation, to prevent similar occurrences, employers should:

- **reinforce safe operation techniques including the function of the rollover protection structure;**
- **ensure ramps used for loading and unloading equipment are an adequate width and trailers are appropriately positioned and level to minimize risk of rollover (tipover).**

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