HAZARD A ERT

A USW member was fatally injured when he crossed a designated crosswalk outside the workplace while reporting for work around 2:26 p.m. He was struck by a pick-up truck operated by a coworker traveling at approximately eight miles per hour who had obstructed vision while turning to his right.

Fatal Accident Involving a Motor Vehicle and Worker on Foot at Shift Change

This workplace does not have an on-site parking lot, which requires employees to park on public roads, and surrounding parking lots to reach the facility.



Recommendations:

- Where possible, relocate the employee parking lots to eliminate crossing public roads and explore adding parking spaces around the perimeter of the workplace to eliminate interactions of motor vehicles and pedestrian traffic.
- Where parking lots cannot be relocated, all involved parties should strive to provide an adequate elevated walkway over public roads for persons on foot. The elevated walkway must be protected from inclement weather and maintained.
- When offsite parking is necessary, provide a shuttle service to transport workers safely onto the property and minimize pedestrian traffic across public roads.
- All involved parties must strive to protect pedestrians by installing traffic-calming measures such as speed bumps, pedestrian signals, alarms, warning signs, adequate lighting, and crosswalk visibility with reflective paint.
- Where possible, provide police presence at crossings during high foot traffic times.
- Utilize a union-management health and safety committee to periodically assess interactions of motor vehicles and pedestrian traffic to identify, and address hazards, both outside and inside the workplace.



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