

WorkSafe Bulletin

Concrete pumper trucks: Recent incident results in one death, one serious injury

WorkSafeBC is investigating a recent incident involving the failure of an outrigger assembly on a concrete pumper truck. Although the cause of the incident has yet to be determined, users of this equipment are reminded of their responsibilities under the Workers Compensation Act and Occupational Health and Safety Regulation pertaining to the safe operation and maintenance of concrete pumper trucks:

- Follow the manufacturer's instructions in the operation and maintenance of concrete pumper truck outrigger assemblies and placing booms.
 In the absence of such instructions, contact the manufacturer prior to operating the equipment.
- Regularly inspect all weld and stress points on outrigger assemblies and placing booms. This should include detailed pre-use inspections, as well as required annual inspections by a qualified professional.
- Position outriggers and determine the sizes of outrigger bases — according to the manufacturer's instructions, and based on the stability of the soil underneath the truck.

For more information

For more on safe operating requirements for concrete pumper trucks under Part 20 of the Regulation, visit worksafebc.com.

You can find additional safety resources through the BC Construction Safety Alliance (bccsa.ca) and workplace safety training through the BC Ready-Mixed Concrete Association (bcrmca.ca).