

Alabama DOT Worker Killed After Slip and Fall on Icy Highway

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The Alabama Department of Transportation announced today that a 22-year veteran highway maintenance worker who slipped and fell on U.S. Highway 43 on January 10 has died. The tragic [construction accident](#) took place when northern Alabama was in the grip of unseasonable cold, snow and ice.

The 56-year-old man from Phil Campbell, Alabama, was a senior highway maintenance technician working out of the Moulton division office of the Alabama DOT.

Officials say that he was working along U.S. Highway 43 during the snowstorm on Monday, January 10, when he slipped on the ice and broke his neck. His father-in-law explained to the Huntsville Times that the man apparently exited a highway grading truck, stepped onto a snow bank and slipped.

After the accident, the man was taken to Huntsville Hospital. He succumbed to his injuries on Saturday.

Please Take a Moment to Ensure Your Workplace or Business Is Safe

On January 12, OSHA sent out a press release urgently reminding workers and employers to take special care when dealing with the unaccustomed snow and ice, and that warning is still timely. The unusual levels of snow and ice in the area can not only create slip-and-fall hazards, but can also weaken tree limbs, roofs, and other structures, particularly at construction sites.

Even as the majority of the snow and ice are taken care of, let's all focus on preventing tragedies like this one. [Fatal accidents](#) that occur in the course of employment are among the most heartbreaking misfortunes families have to deal with. Please take extra care to make our workplaces and businesses safe for those trying to work or do business in the ice and snow.

Source: The Huntsville Times, "[Alabama road worker dies of neck injury after fall during winter storm](#)," January 20, 2011