Tank Explosion Kills Installer



A 28-year-old insulation installer was killed when a liquid petroleum gas (LPG) tank ruptured and ignited.

The victim was working in a basket suspended from a boom, unloading insulation onto a catwalk. While he was in the process of repositioning his boom truck, its front wheel made contact with the LPG line, causing the line to crack. Static electricity touched off the gas, engulfing one worker and injuring another.

- If your company hires independent contractors to perform work on your site, are they informed of the potential hazards they might contact?
- Do you have a program to ensure that first aid assistance is available in the workplace?