

8 AAC 70, 78, 80, 90: Division of Labor Standards & Safety: Mechanical Inspection – 2018

Question:

8 AAC 78.290(d): " A tramway operator shall immediately, by telephone, report to the department's mechanical inspection section, any accident involving the tramway that results in a fatality or an injury that requires a person to receive a doctor's care."

On a ski lift, if someone twists their ankle in a minor misload, and wants to be examined by a doctor, is this cause to shut down and call for an investigation? Minor injuries when loading and unloading are common in the ski industry despite the safety of the lift.

Answer:

Please note that this question references the current regulatory language, not the proposed language. The current language states that an operator would only need to shut down the tramway if the injury or fatality is caused by a mechanical or structural failure of the device.

The proposed regulation reorganizes for clarity the tramway operator's responsibilities after an occurrence resulting in the death or injury of a person. The proposed language also states that only a mechanical or structural failure of the tramway resulting in a fatality or injury requiring ambulance or emergency vehicle transport to a hospital or clinic would require the tramway be removed from service.