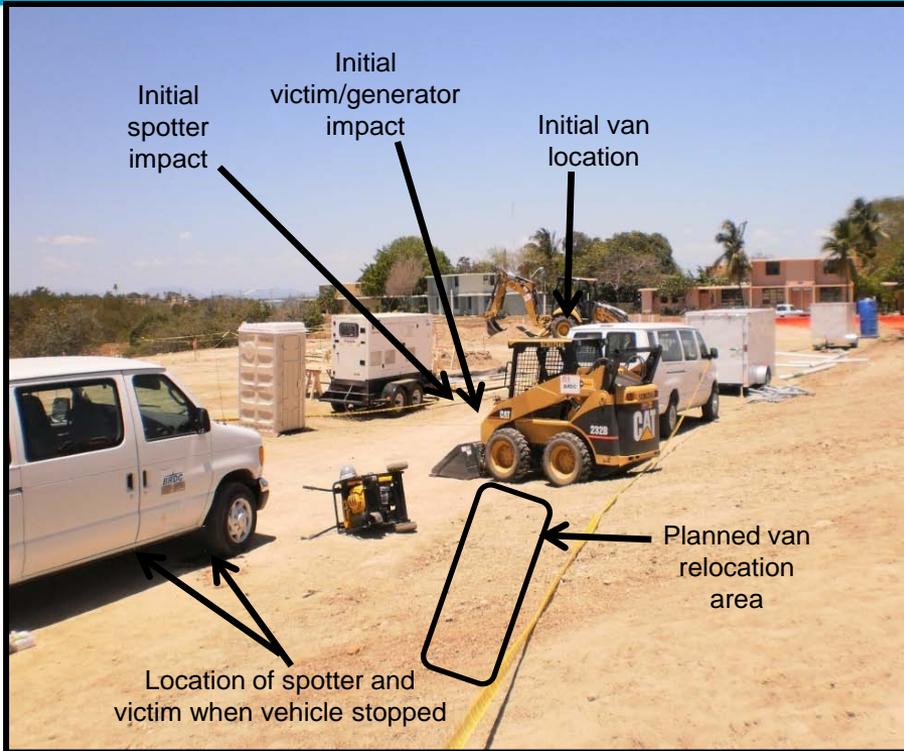


Contractor Fatality

Motor Vehicle - Struck by Passenger Van



Activity: While working at a housing MILCON construction site, a carpenter was asked to relocate a van to another location at the job site. Once at the new parking location, a worker approached the driver and asked him to move again, because he was blocking an access way. This worker instructed the driver that he would be his spotter. After the spotter was in place behind the vehicle, the driver began moving in reverse. The spotter then noticed another worker moving a portable generator toward a bobcat, that was in his path of travel. He instructed the driver to stop the vehicle. The spotter then went to assist in moving the generator. The driver lost visual contact with his spotter, however continued to move slowly, in reverse, without direction from the spotter. At this point, others on the jobsite began yelling for him to stop. The driver had his foot on both the brake and accelerator, and during the commotion, he simultaneously stepped on the brake and the accelerator. This action propelled the van towards the bobcat, striking the spotter and the worker moving the generator, trapping and dragging both men underneath the van for approximately 40', resulting in fatal injuries to the worker moving the generator and extensive leg injury to the spotter.

Direct causes:

- Lack of vehicle control by the driver
- Vehicles being parked and moved in a congested work area
- Improper use of vehicle pedals

Indirect causes:

- Management of change not recognized. Failure to develop/revise site plan for parking and material receipt.
- Vehicle movement without visual or direction from spotter

Teaching Points:

- Drivers need to understand the role and importance of the spotter (not to move without direction of the spotter)
- Workers on-site need to be fully mindful of all activity around them, not limited to construction and equipment