

**Case 71. 52-year-old male printing shop bindery operator tripped, bumped his rib cage on a bindery machine, and died one week later.**

On October 12, 2004, a 52-year-old male printing shop bindery operator arrived to work at 5:30 am and was walking to the time clock to punch in for work. In the aisle way he was walking through there was a bar-type stool placed in front of a layout/drafting workbench. He caught his foot on either the legs of a stool or the leg of a drafting table. He tripped, and as he was losing his balance, he bumped his left rib cage on a bindery machine. The victim performed his daily job duties for about a week (Oct 19) when he called into work sick. He was found dead in his home on October 20, 2004. The medical examiner stated that the victim had died from internal bleeding caused by his incident of October 12. There was adequate lighting and aisle width for him to walk.

MIOSHA did not issue any citations to the employer.