Entering and Exiting Vehicles Safely Fatality File

Two cases of employee injuries sustained in company parking lot during employees commute to work.

The first employee opened the driver side door and started to exit his car when he caught his right foot on the raised door threshold. The employee subsequently fell onto the parking lot surface and sustained a right knee cap injury.

The second employee was in the process of exiting his pick-up truck when he slipped on a rail used to enter and exit the vehicle. The employee fell onto the parking lot surface and sustained a twisted right knee.

While both employees' sustained injuries in the company parking lot, neither case involved a motor vehicle accident. Instead, the two employees were injured when they fell out of their parked vehicle and struck the parking lot surface (work environment). As a result, neither case meets the exception in Section 1904.5(b)(2)(vii), and, therefore, must be recorded on the establishment's log, if they meet the other recording criteria listed in the regulation (e.g., medical treatment, days away from work, etc.).