First Aid and Four Fatalities

A 51-year-old male truck driver died after he suffered a heart attack and fell while attempting to enter or exit his truck at a shipping yard. Investigators believe the fall was the result of the heart attack.



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A 44-year-old male police officer drowned while attempting to rescue a citizen from a submerging vehicle.



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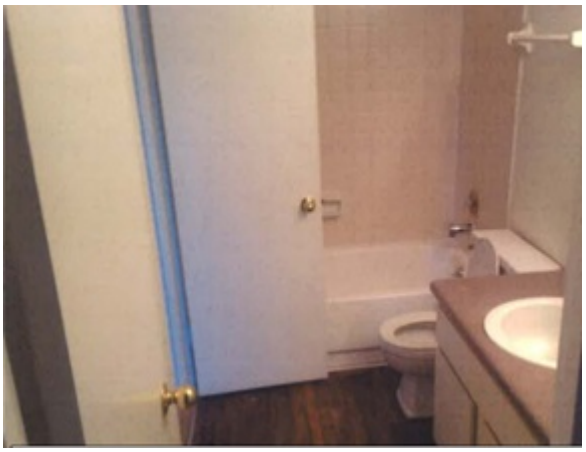
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A 39-year-old male employee received a wasp sting to his face and was admitted to the hospital for an allergic reaction. He died three days later because of complications from the reaction.



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A 21-year-old male employee was fatally injured when he was over-exposed to methylene chloride while stripping a bathtub in an apartment home.



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Timely first aid saves lives. As these four fatal incidents show, accidents at work vary greatly in type, cause, and location. The common thread between them is the chance that first aid might have made a difference in how these workers’ stories ended.

CPR, use of an AED (Automated External Defibrillator), immediate use of an EpiPen – could have potentially saved the lives of these four men.