

Preliminary Summary Report of Serious or Near Serious CAL FIRE Injuries, Illnesses and Accidents



BLUE SHEET

Bulldozer Tip

August 3, 2026

Gann Incident

26-CA-TCU-011483

California Southern Region

SUMMARY

On August 3, 2026, at approximately 1900 hours, a CAL FIRE Bulldozer (D1) tipped while on a vegetation fire in Calaveras County, California. While constructing dozer line on the Gann Incident, D1 lost traction on a rock and tipped onto the left side of the bulldozer. The Heavy Fire Equipment Operator (HFEO) self-extricated from the bulldozer and was transported to a local area hospital with minor injuries. The HFEO was evaluated and released.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMMEDIATE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

Ensure appropriate personal protective clothing and equipment (PPE) is worn at all times, per [Safety Handbook 1721-1728](#). The use of the four-point shoulder harness helped stabilize the HFEO during the tip and limited the potential for further injury. Understanding soil type or terrain features (e.g., clay, sand, rock) to aid operators to anticipate equipment performance. Maintain positive accountability for personnel and equipment working in your assigned location.