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Palm Tree Trimming Tragedy – A New ‘Digital Story’ for Workers' Memorial Day

When Roberto Garcia's mother asked him not to go to work on June 9, 2012, the 35-year-old tree trimmer told her the task would not take long. She never saw her son alive again.

Roberto died of suffocation that day when the palm fronds he was cutting fell on him, trapping him against the palm's trunk. Roberto's tragic death and recommendations on how others can avoid similar incidents are the focus of a new digital story by OHB's [California Fatality Assessment and Control Evaluation program](#).

The six-minute video shows the events that led up to Roberto's death and what could have been done to prevent it.

[Watch the video](#)

[Watch the video in Spanish](#)

The video will be promoted as Workers' Memorial Day events commemorate workers who died on the job and highlight efforts to prevent workplace deaths. Workers' Memorial Day is April 28.



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