65-year-old Simon H.* and 64-year-old Jose G.* died after being crushed in a machine that compresses cardboard for recycling (cardboard baler). Both Simon and Jose climbed into the balers while they were turned on. There were not enough guards to prevent workers from entering the balers. Simon and Jose may have been trying to clear a jam when they were crushed.

**WHAT WENT WRONG?**

| Simon and Jose were able climb into the balers. | Make sure balers have guards that keep workers out of the points of operation. |

| Simon and Jose climbed into balers that were turned on. | Make sure workers are trained in and follow a lockout/tagout program to shut off power before they reach or climb into balers. |

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