

My name is Jorge Martinez and I have more than 30 years working in the field and I want to share my experience working at night in the months of September and October on the tomato machines.

First thing my employer rents a generator to illuminate an area where workers' cars are parked and to illuminate also where the bathrooms are.

The first rule that is given to us by direct order of the employer to those of us that operate the machines is to never move the machine when people are going to get off or on the machine

The second most danger is when the machine stops to let the workers off the harvester

They are provided with masks and glasses for the dust for the protection of their eyes and mouth and never wear baggy or loose clothing that has made us at work to not have any incidents with any worker or tractor operator or myself driving the machine for that reason I invite people to not underestimate at any time the security measures that have given much satisfaction to those of us that are in charge of taking care of our colleagues and ourselves in this dangerous work that needs much more attention and care especially working at night

And if the employer refuses to light up, don't risk working in the dark putting at risk your safety and let them know immediately that you cannot work in these circumstances

Since there are nights when they can feel more tired and that can confuse and hurt themselves and hurt their coworkers and as I say safety comes first. It is very important for us farm workers that you listen to us and pass better laws for the protection of workers who work at night, we need more lighting. Let there be more light at night.