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\(^4\) Struck by/against is defined as injuries caused by striking (hitting) by or against a human, animal, or inanimate object or force other than a vehicle or machinery

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