

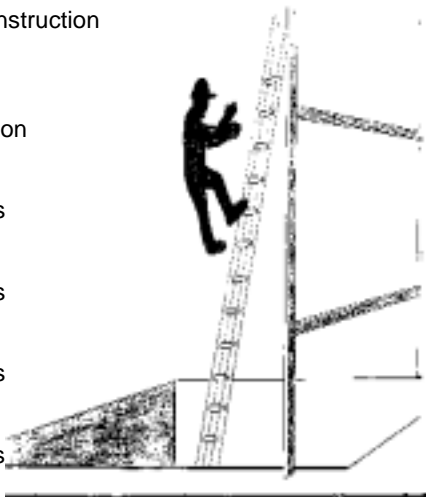


ACCIDENT REPORT DISASTERS FROM FALLS

U.S. Department of Labor • Occupational Safety and Health Administration • Kansas City Region VII
No. 1

ACCIDENT SUMMARY

Accident Type:	Fell from height
Weather Conditions:	Unknown
Type of Company:	Construction
Size of Work Crew:	10
Union or Non-Union:	Union
Worksite Inspections Conducted:	Yes
Designated Competent Person on Site:	Yes
Employer Safety and Health Program:	Yes
Training and Education for Employees:	Yes
Craft of Deceased Employee:	Ironworker
Age/Sex:	39 - M
Time on the Job:	6 months
Time at the Task:	1/2 hour



SOURCES OF HELP

◆ OSHA standards, regulations, documents and technical information are available on the Internet World Wide Web at <http://www.OSHA.gov/>. That information also is on CD-ROM, which may be purchased from the Government Printing Office, phone (202) 512-1800 or fax (202) 512-2250, Order No. 729-13-00000-5; cost \$79 annually; \$28 quarterly.

◆ For hard copies of OSHA Construction Standards [29 CFR Part 1926], which include all OSHA job safety and health rules and regulations covering construction, contact Government Printing Office, phone (202) 512-1800, fax (202) 512-2250, order number 869-022-00114-1, \$33.

◆ OSHA-funded free consultation services listed in telephone directories under U.S. Labor Department or under the state government section where states administer their own OSHA programs.

◆ OSHA Safety and Health Training Guidelines for Construction, Volume III (Available from the National Technical Information Service, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22161; phone (703)487-4650; Order No. PB-239-312/AS, \$25 to help construction employers establish a training program.

◆ Courses in construction safety are offered by the OSHA Training Institute, 1555 Times Drive, Des Plaines, IL 60018, (847) 297-4810, and Maple Woods Community College Business Technology Center, 6899 Executive Drive, Kansas City, MO 64120, (816) 482-5210.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

The employee was welding on a support beam of an elevator shaft. The employee was straddling the beam while welding. The employee completed the weld, walked across the beam to access the ladder to go back to the ground level. As the employee was descending the ladder, he lost his footing and fell between two support beams, hitting his head on the edge of a concrete pit as his body fell into the pit 12-14 feet below.

ACCIDENT PREVENTION RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Eliminate slipping hazards from the rungs of the ladder.

2. Ensure that the ladder extends three feet above the landing surface.
3. Keep the area around the top and bottom of the ladder clear of obstructions.

Note: This case described was selected as being representative of improper work practices which likely contributed to a fatality from a fall. The accident prevention recommendations do not necessarily reflect the outcome of the legal aspects of the incident case. Your company or organization is eligible to receive one free copy of this leaflet which you may duplicate and share with your co-workers. To be placed on the distribution list, send your name, title and address to: U.S. Department of Labor - OSHA, 1100 Main, Suite 800, Kansas City, MO 64105, Attn: TECFAP, or e-mail to dearing-cynthia@dol.gov.