



ACCIDENT REPORT

DISASTERS FROM FALLS

U.S. Department of Labor ! Occupational Safety and Health Administration ! Kansas City Region VII No. 4

ACCIDENT SUMMARY

Accident Type: Fell from height

Weather Conditions: Clear, 75deg. F., Wind: Calm

Type of Company: Construction

Size of Work Crew: 5

Union or Non-Union: Non-Union

Worksite Inspections Conducted: Yes

Designated Competent Person on Site: No

Employer Safety and Health Program: No

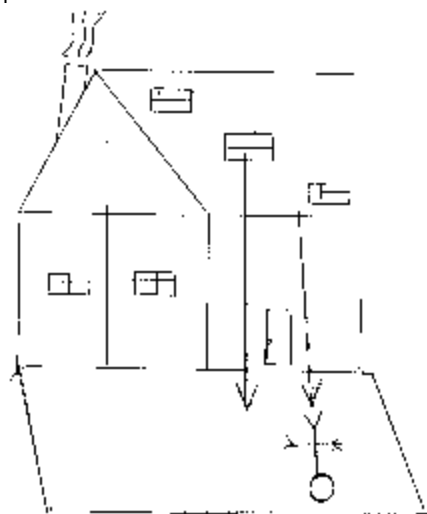
Training and Education for Employees: No

Craft of deceased Employee: Roofing Laborer

Age/Sex: 15 - M

Time on the Job: 2nd day

Time at the Task: 1 hour



SOURCES OF HELP

g 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.

g 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.

g 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.

g 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.

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

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

The victim was removing shingles from the roof of a residential dwelling with a slope of 5 ½ to 12. The shovel he was using came in contact with a bundle of shingles stacked on top of the roof peak, causing the bundle to slide off the back side of the roof. The employee reacted to try and stop the bundle from falling. He ran across to the back side of the roof, and he was able to get his body in front of the sliding bundle trying to stop it. The bundle and the employee proceeded to slide off the roof falling 16.9 feet to the concrete patio of the basement walkout.

ACCIDENT PREVENTION RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Provide and implement fall protection or a fall protection plan, or comply with Interim Policy for Residential Construction Roofing Work for employees working on steep-sloped roofs 6 feet and greater in height.
2. Install slide guards extending the width of the roof and securely attached to the roof.

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.