



DISASTER ACCIDENT REPORT FACTS

U.S. Department of Labor ! Occupational Safety and Health Administration ! Kansas City Region VII No. 9

ACCIDENT SUMMARY

Accident Type: Fell from height

Weather Conditions: Inside

Type of Company: Construction

Size of Work Crew: 20

Union or Non-Union: Union

Worksite Inspections Conducted: Yes

Designated Competent Person on Site: Yes

Employer Safety and Health Program: Yes

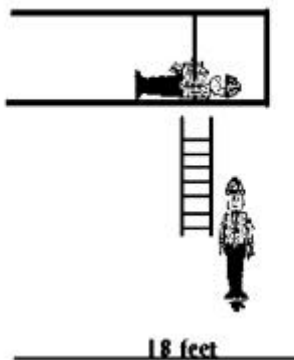
Training and Education for Employees: Yes

Craft of Injured Employee: Sheet Metal Worker

Age/Sex: 56 - M

Time on the Job: 3 days

Time at the Task: Minutes



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 employee was removing a ladder from an overhead catwalk during demolition work. The employee tested the ladder to determine if it was strong enough to hold his weight. The employee climbed onto the ladder and the weld came loose from the catwalk. The employee above him on the catwalk grabbed his hand but could not hold his weight and let go. The employee fell more than 18 feet onto the concrete below, landing on his feet and received severe injuries.

ACCIDENT PREVENTION RECOMMENDATIONS

Only those ladders that are designated as the safe way of travel between levels shall be used during demolition activities. All other ladders and ways of traveling should be closed off and prohibited from being used.

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.