

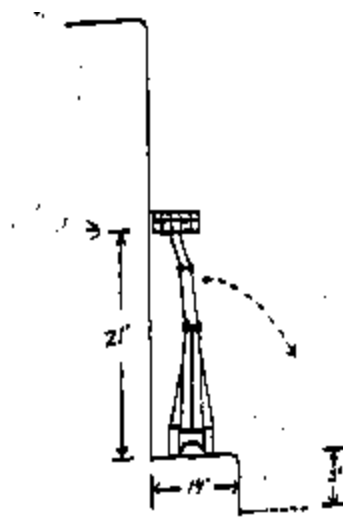


DISASTER ACCIDENT REPORT FACTS

U.S. Department of Labor ! Occupational Safety and Health Administration ! Kansas City Region VII No. 11

ACCIDENT SUMMARY

Accident Type: Fell from height
 Weather Conditions: Clear
 Type of Company: General Contractor
 Size of Work Crew: 7
 Union or Non-Union: Union
 Worksite Inspections Conducted: No
 Designated Competent Person on Site: Yes
 Employer Safety and Health Program: Inadequate
 Training and Education for Employees: Inadequate
 Craft of Deceased Employee: Laborer
 Age/Sex: 22 - M
 Time on the Job: 4 months
 Time at the Task: 30 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

An employee fell from an elevated scaffold work platform of 21 feet above the ground level attached to a Lull Minneapolis-Moline tractor with a West Super-Skytrak variable reach forklift. The employees were removing windows from a wall when the forklift tipped over.

ACCIDENT PREVENTION RECOMMENDATIONS

1. All machinery and equipment shall be inspected prior to use at the beginning of a workshift. If the machinery or equipment is found to be unsafe, it should be tagged or locked out to render it inoperable.

2. Permit only employees qualified, trained, or experienced, to operate the equipment or machinery.
 3. Instruct employees on the recognition and avoidance of unsafe conditions, and on the regulations applicable to controlling or eliminating hazards in the work environment.
 4. Instruct and train employees operating a fork lift truck with a scaffold work platform attached to the fork, to not move the equipment horizontally when employees are raised on the work platform.
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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.