



DISASTER ACCIDENT REPORT FACTS

U.S. Department of Labor ! Occupational Safety and Health Administration ! Kansas City Region VII No. 14

ACCIDENT SUMMARY

Accident Type: Fall from height

Weather Conditions: Cool and rainy

Type of Company: Building Manufacture & Construction

Size of Work Crew: 6

Union or Non-Union: Non-Union

Worksite Inspections Conducted: Yes

Designated Competent Person on Site: Yes

Employer Safety and Health Program: No

Training and Education for Employees: No

Craft of Deceased Employee: Carpenter

Age/Sex: 20 - M

Time on the Job: 3 months

Time at the Task: 5 hours



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 the Metropolitan Community Colleges Business & Technology Center, 6899 Executive Drive, Kansas City, MO 64120, (816) 482-5210.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

The employee was placing flashing at the eaves of a building. The employer was using a residential fall protection plan erroneously. The employee was at a levee approximately 16 feet in height, with his legs wrapped around a 2x4, with no fall protection provided. The employee apparently unwrapped his legs from around the 2x4 in an attempt to retrieve additional material and fell 16 feet, landing on the back of his head onto a concrete floor. The employee was pronounced dead at the hospital.

ACCIDENT PREVENTION RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Provide proper fall protection in the form of scaffolding, scissor lifts, or harness and lanyards.
2. Provide employees with proper training in the recognition of hazards in fall protection for employees engaged in commercial construction.

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.