

DISASTER FACTS

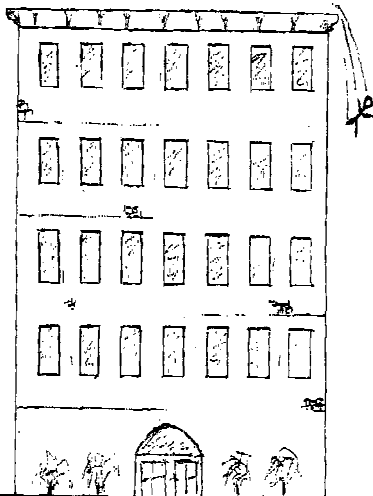
ACCIDENT REPORT



U.S. Department of Labor • Occupational Safety and Health Administration • Kansas City Region VII No. 25

ACCIDENT SUMMARY

Accident Type: Fall
Weather Conditions: Clear
Type of Company: General Contractor
Size of Work Crew: 4
Union or Non-Union: Non-union
Worksite Inspections Conducted: Yes
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: 19/Male
Time on the Job: 1 month
Time at the Task: 30 minutes



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

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

The employee fell 54 feet to the ground, from the flat roof of a building being remodeled. Employee was landing form materials on the roof for use in the construction of an elevator shaft. The material was landed four feet from the edge of the building. The Employee was backing away from the material being landed and backed off the edge of the roof.

ACCIDENT PREVENTION RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Instruct employee to use personal fall arrest systems, and install a standard guard rail system along all open side of roof.
2. Train employees in the hazards associated with working at an elevated height.

Note: This case described was selected as being representative of improper work practices which likely contributed to a fatality from a fall and/or electrocution. 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.