

ACCIDENT REPORT

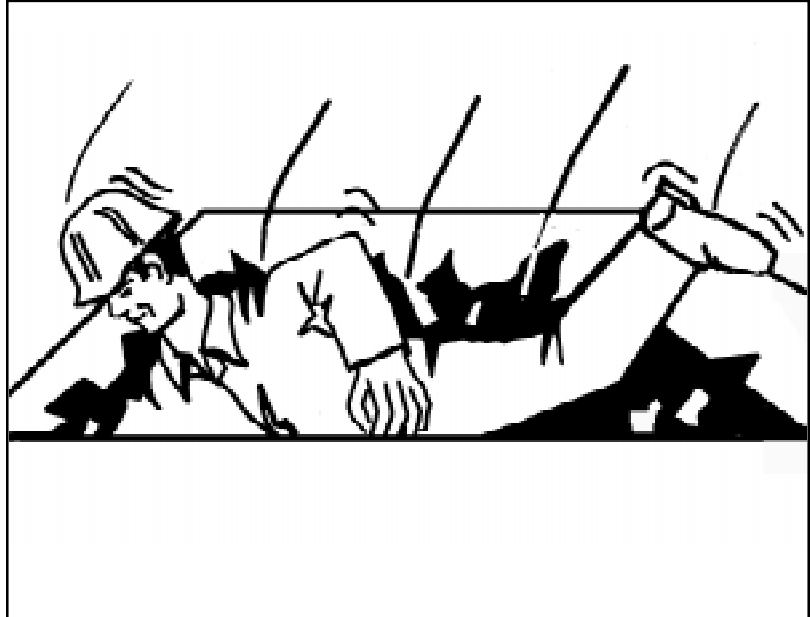
DISASTER FACTS



• U.S. Department of Labor • Occupational Safety and Health Administration • Kansas City Region VII No. 37

ACCIDENT SUMMARY

Accident Type: Fall through roof hole
Weather Conditions: Clear/Hot/Humid
Type of Company: Roofing Contractor
Size of Work Crew: 4
Union or Non-Union: Non-Union
Worksite Inspections
Conducted: No
Designated Competent
person on site: No
Employee Safety Program: Yes
Training and Education
for Employees: On-the-Job-Training
Craft of Deceased
Employee: Owner/Operator
Age/Sex: 60/male
Time on the Job: 30 minutes
Time at the Task: 30 minutes



BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

The victim was at a job site inspecting the roof area prior to his crew beginning work. His company had been contracted to repair the roof after a large heater unit and curbing was removed. He stepped over the heating unit curb onto a piece of roofing fiberboard insulation that had been placed over the 36" x 36" hole that had been created when the heater was removed. He fell approximately 27 feet to the interior concrete floor. No other guarding or equivalent fall protection had been provided for employees exposed to the roof hole.

ACCIDENT PREVENTION RECOMMENDATIONS

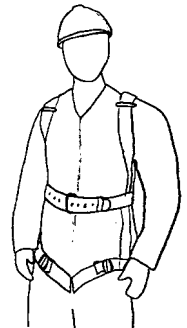
1. Provide adequate fall protection for roofing hole hazards.
2. Provide training to employees on hazard recognition and avoidance of fall hazards.

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 regulation 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.



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.