

ACCIDENT REPORT

DISASTER FACTS



• U.S. Department of Labor • Occupational Safety and Health Administration • Kansas City Region VII No. 48

ACCIDENT SUMMARY

Accident Type: Fall from height
Weather Conditions: Indoor work
Type of Company: Renovation
Size of Work Crew: 6
Union or Non-Union: Non-Union
Designated competent person on-site: Yes
Safety and health program: No
Worksite inspections conducted: No
Craft of deceased: Laborer
Age/Sex: 20/Male
Time on the job: 7 days
Time at task: 3 hours



BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

An employee (accident victim) was assigned to the pipe replacement project, which consisted of replacing broken sprinkler pipes. This employee was working on the second floor and had told fellow employees that he was going to get a cheater bar to break up old pipes. There were no eye witnesses, the accident victim was found at the bottom of a freight elevator shaft. The victim had fell 20 to 30 feet to his death through the open elevator doors.

ACCIDENT PREVENTION RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Inspection of working surfaces for weak points and possible hazards.
2. Guarding or covering openings in elevated working surfaces.

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

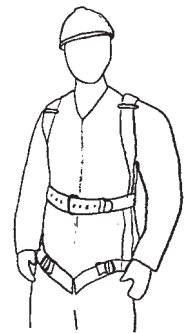
Printing Office, phone (202) 512-1800, fax (202) 512-2250, order number 869-022-00114-1, \$33.

• 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.