

ACCIDENT REPORT

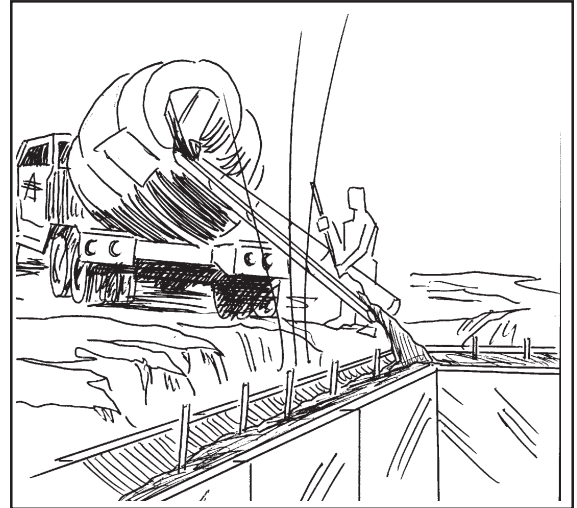
DISASTER FACTS



• U.S. Department of Labor • Occupational Safety and Health Administration • Kansas City Region VII No. 54

ACCIDENT SUMMARY

Accident Type: Fall
Weather Conditions: Clear and sunny
Type of Company: Construction
Size of Work Crew: 5
Union or Non-Union: Non-Union
Designated competent person on-site: No
Safety and Health Program in effect: No
Training and education for employees: No
Worksite inspections conducted: No
Craft of deceased: Driver/operator
Age/Sex: 54/Male
Time on the job: 3 months
Time on project: 30 minutes



BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

A worker had delivered ready mix cement to a job site and had backed the truck/mixer up to an incline slope (sloping up higher on the left rear passenger side of the vehicle) approximately 3 feet behind and to the rear driver side of the edge of the basement excavation. Once the wall forms were poured, the worker got out of his truck to assist the subcontractor in topping off the wall forms by racking cement down the truck chute. Due to the slope of the ground and the chute pinning mechanism on the truck, the chute could not be locked in place in such a manner as to mechanically maintain position of the chute. Therefore the subcontractor had to maintain control of the chute to get the ready mix cement to the desired location as the worker racked the cement down the chute. It was at this time that the subcontractor apparently lost control of the chute, causing him to lose his balance and/or fall into the excavation approximately 8 feet and was impaled on rebar at the bottom of the excavation

ACCIDENT PREVENTION RECOMMENDATIONS

Conduct daily inspections of the worksite and correct hazards. Develop, implement and enforce a comprehensive safety program that includes, but is not limited to, training in hazard recognition and abatement.

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.

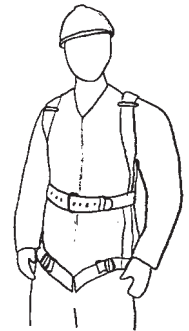
• For hard copies of OSHA Construction Standards [29 CFR Part 1926], which include all OSHA job safety and health rules and regulation covering construction, contact Government

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.