

ACCIDENT REPORT

DISASTERS FROM FALLS



U.S. Department of Labor ! Occupational Safety and Health Administration ! Kansas City Region VII No. 3

ACCIDENT SUMMARY

Accident Type: Fell from height

Weather Conditions: Sunny/80-85 Degrees

Type of Company: Construction

Size of Work Crew: 4

Union or Non-Union: Union

Worksite Inspections Conducted: Yes

Designated Competent Person on Site: Yes

Employer Safety and Health Program: Yes

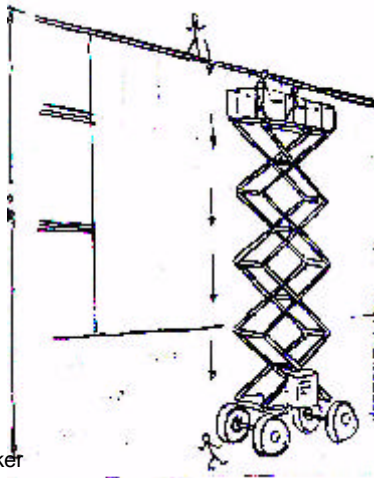
Training and Education for Employees: Yes

Craft of Deceased Employee: Sheetmetal Worker

Age/Sex: 34 - M

Time on the Job: 62 days

Time at the Task: 2½ 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 Metropolitan Community Colleges Business Technology Center, 6899 Executive Drive, Kansas City, MO 64120, (816) 482-5210.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

Deceased was working from a flat roof approximately 38 feet above the ground. The roof measured 130 feet wide x 193 feet long. Employees were installing sheet metal siding and the deceased was inserting three screws at the top of the siding. There were two employees in a scissor lift and one employee on the ground. At approximately 9:30 a.m. the employees in the lift informed the deceased that it was break time and offered him a ride in the scissors lift. The employee unhooked from the lifeline and attempted to gain access to the lift which was 2-3 feet away from the roof. The two employees stated that the deceased changed his mind due to the distance and decided to take the stairs on the south side of the building. Employees started down, heard a noise, turned around and saw the deceased falling.

ACCIDENT PREVENTION RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Reinforce company policy against jumping on or off equipment or vehicles, either moving or stationary, is prohibited.
 2. Enforce the use of the construction stairs for access and egress.
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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.