

DISASTER FACTS

ACCIDENT REPORT



U.S. Department of Labor • Occupational Safety and Health Administration • Kansas City Region VII No. 23

ACCIDENT SUMMARY

Accident Type: Fall

Weather Conditions: 75 degrees - some rain

Type of Company: Construction (repair/repaint water tanks)

Size of Work Crew: 5

Union or Non-Union: Non-union

Worksite Inspections Conducted: No

Designated Competent Person on Site: No

Employer Safety and Health Program: No

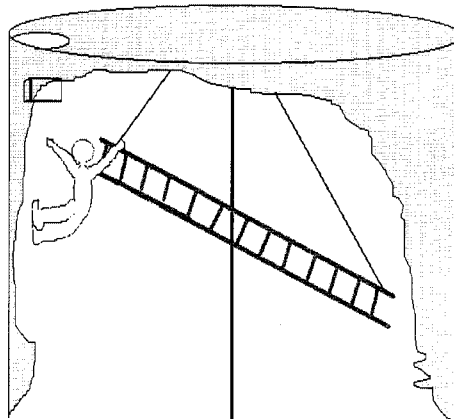
Training and Education for Employees: No

Craft of Deceased Employee: Painter/Sandblaster

Age/Sex: 51/Male

Time on the Job: 2 days

Time at the Task: 1 hour



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/contractor climbed on top of the tank and entered the tank through a man-hole to help attach the ladder/platform device to be used to sandblast and paint the inside of the water tank. He apparently stepped from the "overflow box" under the man-hole to the ladder/platform device to secure that end of the ladder. The victim slipped and fell approximately 40 feet to the floor of the tank.

ACCIDENT PREVENTION RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Install and use personal fall arrest systems.
2. Install safety nets.
3. Install and use proper scaffolding.
4. Proper use and installation of ladders.

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.