

MNMM Fatal 2008-02

- Handling Material Accident
- January 25, 2008 (Missouri)
- Lime Operation
- Maintenance Man
- 36 years old
- 1 year 42 weeks experience

Overview

The victim was fatally injured when he was hit on the head by a pry bar that fell from an 80-foot high elevated work platform. He was wearing a hard hat at the time of the accident and was bent over shoveling. The pry bar struck him behind the hard hat. The victim was hospitalized and died of his injuries later that day.



Causal Factor

A risk analysis was not performed to identify all possible hazards and ensure that controls were in place to protect persons performing work at the silo bucket elevator. The top work platform was not cleaned up before maintenance tasks were begun. The victim was allowed to work underneath a work platform where other persons were performing maintenance tasks using hand tools.

Best Practices

- Review maintenance procedures to ensure all possible hazards have been identified and appropriate controls are in place to protect persons. Stop, Look, Analyze, and Manage (SLAM) each task.
- Establish policies to ensure that barricades or warning signs are installed to prohibit access and protect persons from falling object hazards.
- Ensure that persons are removed when work is being performed overhead.
- Keep workplaces clean and free of spillage.