



**Fatality #2 - January 13, 2003**  
**Slip/Fall of Person - CA - Cement**  
**National Cement Co. of CA - Lebec Cement Plant**

**METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY** - On January 13, 2003, a 62-year-old supervisor with 26 years mining experience was fatally injured at a cement plant. The victim was standing 9 feet above ground level at a door opening discussing the progress of repairs with another foreman standing outside on a concrete pad at ground level. The victim was leaning on the top chain handrail that was installed across the door opening. Apparently as the victim exerted outward pressure against the chain, the chain link slipped off the grab hook attachment on the removable end of the chain causing him to fall 9 feet to the concrete pad.



**Best Practices**

- Ensure that safety chains or handrails are properly installed, regularly examined and properly maintained, and are capable of supporting the weight of a person who might fall or lean on them.
- Design the installation of safety chains to ensure the termination points remain securely attached when they are in place.

This is the second fatality reported in calendar year 2003 in the metal and nonmetal mining industries. As of this date in 2002, there were two fatalities reported in these industries. This is the first fatality classified as Slip/Fall of Person in 2003. There were no Slip/Fall of Person fatalities in the same period in 2002.

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