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USAG Hawaii Fall Fatality

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Fall Claims one Department of the Army Civilian's Life

On 11 September 2015, at approximately 2015 local, a US Army Garrison- Hawaii, Department of the Army Civilian died from injuries sustained in a fall on Schofield Barracks. The employee was discovered after having fallen while attempting to change a recessed ceiling light.

Why is fall protection important?

- Falls are among the most common causes of serious work related injuries
- Employers must set up the work place to prevent employees from falling

What can be done to reduce falls?

- Set up the work place to prevent employees from falling
- OSHA requires that fall protection be provided at elevations of four feet in general industry workplaces
- OSHA requires that fall protection be provided when working over dangerous equipment and machinery, regardless of the fall distance.

To prevent employees from being injured from falls, employers must:

- Guard every floor hole into which a worker can accidentally walk into.
- Provide a guard rail and toe-board around every elevated open sided platform, floor or runway.
- Employers must provide guardrails and toe-boards to prevent workers from falling and getting injured.
- Other means of fall protection that may be required on certain jobs include safety and harness and line, safety nets, stair railings and hand rails.

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