

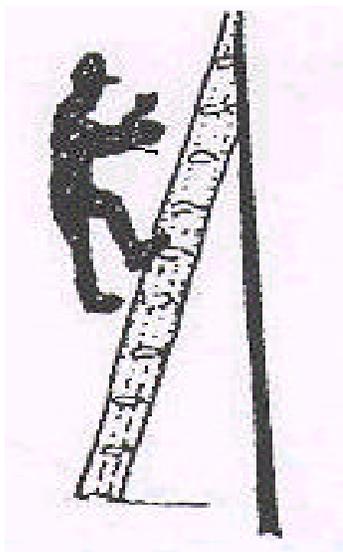
# ACCIDENT REPORT DISASTERS FROM FALLS



U.S. Department of Labor ! Occupational Safety and Health Administration ! Kansas City Region VII No. 2

## ACCIDENT SUMMARY

Accident Type: Fell from height  
Weather Conditions: Accident occurred inside  
Type of Company: Construction  
Size of Work Crew: 2  
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: Ironworker  
Age/Sex: 55 - M  
Time on the Job: 3 weeks  
Time at the Task: 2 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

The employee was working from a 12 foot step ladder. He was inside a large water containment structure which was under construction. The employee's job was to thread bolts through holes in the structure to his partner on the outside. The partner would then attach a nut to the bolt and weld the assembly in place. At the time of the accident, the holes being threaded were 11' and 13' high. After threading a bolt, and before the next one was placed, the victim fell from the ladder, hitting the concrete floor below. Cause of death was blunt trauma to the chest.

## ACCIDENT PREVENTION RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Eliminate slipping hazards from the rungs of the ladder.

2. Maintain awareness of the fall hazards inherent with use of ladders.

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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](mailto:dearing-Cynthia@dol.gov).