



DISASTER FACTS

ACCIDENT REPORT

U.S. Department of Labor • Occupational Safety and Health Administration • Kansas City Region VII No. 13

ACCIDENT SUMMARY

Accident Type: Fall from height

Weather Conditions: No precipitation, no significant weather

Type of Company: General Construction Work

Size of Work Crew: 2

Union or Non-Union: Non-Union

Worksite Inspections Conducted: No

Designated Competent Person on Site: Yes

Employer Safety and Health Program: No

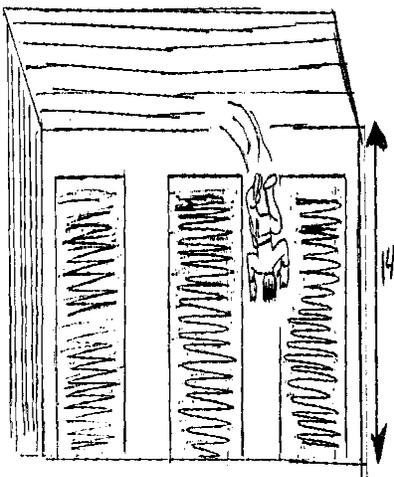
Training and Education for Employees: No

Craft of Deceased Employee: Superintendent of Contractor

Age/Sex: 46 - M

Time on the Job: 10 years

Time at the Task: Unknown



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 was installing dam closures on the edge of a low slope roof. The employees were on the roof when the employee either slipped or lost his balance and fell approximately 14 feet, striking the concrete below. The employee was taken to the hospital and later life-flighted to another hospital where the employee later died.

ACCIDENT PREVENTION RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Provide a safe means of access to the roof.
2. Implement a fall protection plan and discuss the different methods available to prevent an accident from occurring. Methods available are as follows; guardrail system, body harness with tie-off points, a safety net system, a warning line/safety monitoring system, or work from a work platform.

3. Implement a training program for employees to recognize the hazards of falling and procedures to follow to minimize those hazards.

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.