

ACCIDENT REPORT

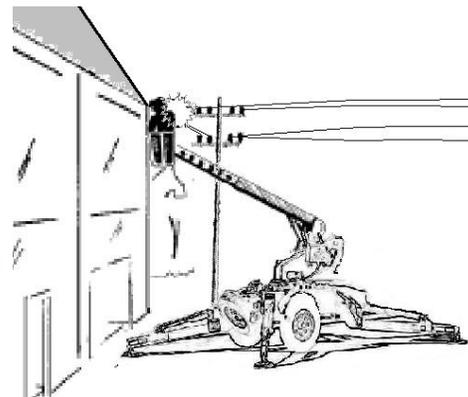
DISASTER FACTS



• U.S. Department of Labor • Occupational Safety and Health Administration • Kansas City Region VII No. 119

ACCIDENT SUMMARY

Accident Type: Electrocutation
Weather Conditions: Clear
Type of Operation: Construction
Size of Work Crew: 4
Union or Non-Union: Non-Union
Worksites inspection conducted: Yes
Competent safety monitoring on-site: No
Safety and Health Program in effect: Yes
Training and education for employees: Company Safety training;
Aerial Lift and Electrical Safety Training
was inadequate.
Craft of deceased employee: Foreman (Lead Abatement-Painter)
Age/Sex: 42/Male
Time on job: 4 Months (similar houses in the area)
Time at task: A couple hours



BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

A four-person painting crew was painting a residence. The foreman and a worker were using a boom lift to paint the upper levels of the house (about 20 feet high). The foreman apparently came in contact with a live overhead electrical line and touched the worker. The worker was able to pull away and climbed down from the boom lift. Although the foreman (victim) was on fire, he was able to roll out of the boom lift and fell about 20 feet to the ground. The co-workers were able to put out the fire and the victim was transported to the hospital. About 2 weeks later, the hospitalized victim died from his injuries.

ACCIDENT PREVENTION RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Ensure that no employee is permitted to work in such proximity to any part of an electric power circuit that the employee could contact the electric power circuit in the course of work, unless the employee is protected against electric shock by de-energizing the circuit and grounding it or by guarding it effectively by insulation or other means.
2. Properly evaluate the worksite by inspecting it prior to activity. Develop and enforce procedures so that the performance of the work will not bring any person, tool, or machine into physical or electrical contact with the electric power circuit.
3. Ensure that the employees are properly trained in the recognition and avoidance of unsafe conditions and the regulations applicable to his work environment.
4. Ensure that no employee is permitted to work in an aerial lift without a harness and lanyard.

YOU HAVE A VOICE IN THE WORKPLACE

THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT OF 1970 affords workers the right to a safe workplace. OSHA requires employers to provide a workplace that is free of serious recognized hazards and in compliance with OSHA standards. Workers have the right to FILE A COMPLAINT WITH OSHA if they believe that there are either violations of OSHA standards or serious workplace hazards. Contact the [OSHA Area office](#) nearest you or contact our toll free number: 1-800-321-OSHA (6742)... TTY 1-877-889-5627.

To file a complaint online or obtain information on your rights in the workplace, see [OSHA's Worker Rights page](#).

OSHA Standards, regulations, documents and technical information are available on the Internet World Wide web at: <http://www.osha.gov>

For hard copies of OSHA Standards [29 CFR Parts 1910 and 1926], which include all OSHA job safety and health rules and regulations, contact the Government Printing Office, phone (202) 512-1800, fax (202) 512-2250.

OSHA-funded free consultation services are listed in telephone directories under U.S. Labor Department or under the state government section where states administer their own OSHA programs.

Courses in occupational health and safety are offered by the OSHA Training Institute, 2020 Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60005, phone (847) 759-7752, and the Metropolitan Community Colleges Business & Technology Center, 1775 Universal Ave., Kansas City, MO 64120, phone (816) 604-1600

Note: This case described was selected as being representative of improper work practices which likely contributed to a fatality from a fall and/or electrocution. 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, contact Peggy Taylor at U.S. Department of Labor-OSHA, 2300 Main, Suite 1010, Kansas City, MO 64108, or e-mail to taylor.peggy@dol.gov.