

ACCIDENT REPORT

DISASTER FACTS



• U.S. Department of Labor • Occupational Safety and Health Administration • Kansas City Region VII No. 127

ACCIDENT SUMMARY

Accident Type: Fell from Scaffold
Weather Conditions: Sunny, Cool (Approx 33° F)
Type of Operation: Scaffolding Erectors
Size of Work Crew: 5
Union or Non-Union: Non-Union
Worksite inspection conducted: Yes
Competent safety monitoring on-site: Yes
Safety and Health Program in effect: Yes
Training and education for employees: Yes
Craft of deceased employee: Lead Carpenter
Age/Sex: 35/Male
Time on job: Approximately, 11:30 AM
Time at task: 1.5 Hours



BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

The victim was part of a five-man crew erecting a hanging, cup-lock scaffold at a height of approximately 27 feet. The victim was wearing fall protection, but was not tied off. The crew was adding a section of unsupported scaffold to an existing supported scaffold. The victim had walked out onto an unsupported horizontal bar when the weld for the bar on which he was standing failed, causing the victim to fall approximately 27 feet to the concrete surface below.

ACCIDENT PREVENTION RECOMMENDATIONS

The employer must ensure that all employees are properly tied off when working outside the guardrails of a scaffold. Additionally, the employer must ensure that employees are adequately trained on hazards related to the scaffolding systems they are using, including not standing on unsupported parts of the scaffold.

YOU HAVE A VOICE IN THE WORKPLACE

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Note: This case described was selected as being representative of improper work practices which likely contributed to a fatality from an accident. The accident prevention recommendations do not necessarily reflect the outcome of the legal aspects of the incident case. OSHA encourages your company or organization to duplicate and share this information. To be placed on the email distribution list, contact Peggy Taylor at U.S. Department of Labor-OSHA, 2300 Main, Suite 1010, Kansas City, MO 64108, or e-mail taylor.peggy@dol.gov.