

ACCIDENT REPORT

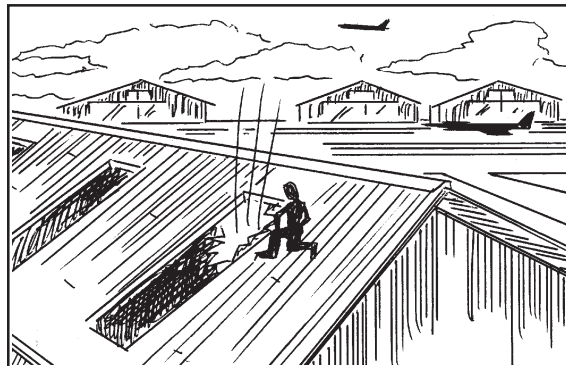
DISASTER FACTS



• U.S. Department of Labor • Occupational Safety and Health Administration • Kansas City Region VII No. 55

ACCIDENT SUMMARY

Accident Type: Fall
Weather Conditions: Clear, calm, sunny
Type of Company: General contractor
Size of Work Crew: 2
Union or Non-Union: Non-Union
Designated competent person on-site: Yes
Safety and Health Program in effect: Average
Training and education for employees: Adequate
Worksite inspections conducted: Yes
Time on project: 1 hour
Craft of deceased: Estimator



Age/Sex: 47/Male
Time on the job: 2 years
Time on project: 1 hour

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

A project estimator and a project superintendent were in the process of completing a pre-bid overview of the project on the roof structure of an airplane hangar. The project estimator stepped on top of a fiberglass skylight and fell approximately 27 feet to his death.

ACCIDENT PREVENTION RECOMMENDATIONS

Barricade all skylights or ensure that covers are placed over them. Train employees about potential fall hazards they are likely to encounter during the course of their work.

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. 729-13-0000-5; 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 regulation 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.



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, 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.