



# D ACCIDENT REPORT TSASTER FACTS

U.S. Department of Labor ! Occupational Safety and Health Administration ! Kansas City Region VII No. 7

## ACCIDENT SUMMARY

Accident Type: Fall from height

Weather Conditions: Windy and Sunny Day

Type of Company: General Industry

Size of Work Crew: 2

Union or Non-Union: Non-Union

Worksite Inspections Conducted: Yes

Designated Competent Person on Site: No

Employer Safety and Health Program: No

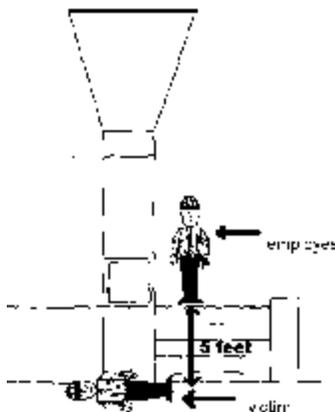
Training and Education for Employees: No

Craft of Deceased Employee: Mechanic

Age/Sex: 36 - M

Time on the Job: 1 day

Time at the Task: 7 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 critically injured when he fell 5 feet to a concrete floor while in the process of dismantling a paper/cardboard baling machine. He died two days later when he was taken off life support systems.

## ACCIDENT PREVENTION RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Employers should accomplish a thorough pretask evaluation of any tasks to be performed to identify potential hazards.

2. Employers should develop a checklist for all major tasks, which includes materials required to perform the task.
  3. Employers should develop, implement and enforce a comprehensive safety program that includes, but is not limited to, training in hazard recognition and abatement.
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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).