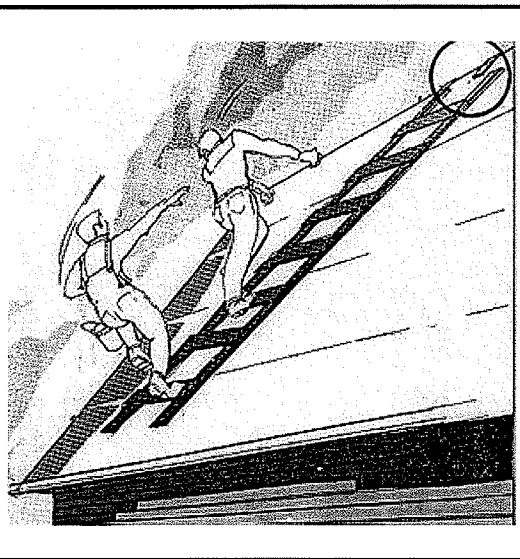


ACCIDENT REPORT FATAL FACTS

ACCIDENT SUMMARY No. 21

Accident Type:	Fall from Roof
Weather Conditions:	Cloudy
Type of Operation:	Painting Contractor
Size of Work Crew:	2
Collective Bargaining:	Yes
Competent Safety Monitor on Site:	No
Safety and Health Program in Effect:	No
Was the Worksite Inspected Regularly:	Yes
Training and Education Provided:	Yes
Employee Job Title:	Painter
Age & Sex:	30-Male
Experience at this Type of Work:	5 Years
Time on Project:	6 Hours



BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

Two employees were using a crawling board/chicken ladder type apparatus while they painted the roof of a barn. The crawling board/chicken ladder broke, and both employees fell approximately 35 feet to the ground, One employee sustained multiple injuries, and the other employee was killed.

INSPECTION RESULTS

As a result of its investigation, OSHA issued a citation alleging one serious violation and two other than serious violations.

OSHA's construction standards include several requirements which, if they had been followed here, might have prevented this fatality.

ACCIDENT PREVENTION RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Crawling boards/chicken ladders must be constructed so as to meet the minimum design specifications set forth for such equipment (29 CFR 1926.451(v)(1)).
2. A firmly fastened lifeline of at least 1/4 inch rope or equivalent must be strung beside each crawling board or chicken ladder for a handhold (29 CFR 1926.451(v)(2)).
3. Crawling boards/chicken ladders must be effectively secured to the roof (29 CFR 1926.451(v)(3)).
4. A safety program must be established to prevent accidents. It must include frequent and regular inspections of job sites, materials, and equipment by a competent person (29 CFR 1926.20(b)(1) and (b)(2))

SOURCES OF HELP

- ✓ Construction Safety and Health Standards (OSHA 2207) which contains all OSHA job safety and health rules and regulations (1926 and 1910) covering construction.
- ✓ "Occupational Fatalities Related to Scaffolds as Found in Reports of OSHA

Fatality/Catastrophe Investigations," available from the National Technical Information Service, 5285 Port Royal Rd., Springfield, Va. 22161, (703) 487-4650, publication no. PB 80-182-009, \$11.50, pre-paid.

- v OSHA-funded free consultation services. Consult your telephone directory for the number of your local OSHA area office for further assistance and advice (listed under U.S. Labor Department or under the state government section where states administer their own OSHA programs)

NOTE: The case here described was selected as being representative of fatalities caused by improper work practices. No special emphasis or priority is implied nor is the case necessarily a recent occurrence. The legal aspects of the incident have been resolved, and the case is now closed.