

FATAL FACTS



No. 8775-008

Accident Type:	Fall from height
Number of Fatalities	1
Weather Conditions:	Clear
Type of Operation:	Steel Erection
Size of Work Crew:	8
Competent Safety Monitor on Site:	No
Safety and Health Program in Effect:	Yes
Was the Worksite Inspected Regularly:	No
Training and Education Provided:	No
Employees Job Titles:	Connector
Age & Gender:	48 Male
Experience at this Type of Work:	30 years
Time on Project:	2 weeks



BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

The worker was performing steel erection activities at a height of 28 feet. While reaching for a joist, the worker lost his balance and fell to his death. He did not have his lanyard attached to the beamer at the time of his fall.

INSPECTION RESULTS

As the result of its investigation, NM OSHA cited three serious violations of its general industry standards.

ACCIDENT PREVENTION RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The employer must provide mid-rails, screens, mesh, or intermediate vertical members between the guardrail system and the walkway. 29 CFR 1926.502(b)(2).
2. The employer must provide a training program for all employees exposed to fall hazards. 29 CFR 1926.761(b).
3. The employer must ensure that each connector is provided with training. 29 CFR 1926.761(c)(2).