

FATAL FACTS



No. 8775-016

Accident Type:	Fall from height
Number of Fatalities	1
Weather Conditions:	Dry and Calm
Type of Operation:	Oil extraction
Size of Work Crew:	5
Competent Safety Monitor on Site:	Yes
Safety and Health Program in Effect:	Yes
Was the Worksite Inspected Regularly:	Yes
Training and Education Provided:	Yes
Employees Job Titles:	Derrick man
Age & Gender:	29 Male
Experience at this Type of Work:	Several years
Time on Project:	Weeks



BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

The employee was engaged on the derrick board of a drilling platform. After a break in operation, the employee forgot to engage his safety harness. As he reached for a pipe, he fell forward and landed on the platform 90 feet below. He died from blunt force trauma to the head.

INSPECTION RESULTS

The inspection revealed the employer did have a written safety plan in place that covered fall protection. No citations were issued.

ACCIDENT PREVENTION RECOMMENDATIONS

The recommendation for preventing this type of accident was implement a fall protection confirmation system and to provide employees with behavioral safety training.