

FATAL FACTS



No. 8775-021

Accident Type:	Fall From Height
Number of Fatalities	1
Weather Conditions:	Dry and Calm
Type of Operation:	Sign Installation
Size of Work Crew:	1
Competent Safety Monitor on Site:	No
Safety and Health Program in Effect:	Yes
Was the Worksite Inspected Regularly:	N/A
Training and Education Provided:	Yes
Employees Job Titles:	Sign Erector
Age & Gender:	46 Male
Experience at this Type of Work:	Two years
Time on Project:	1 Hour



BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

The employee was in a basket that was part of a vehicle-mounted aerial ladder installing a sign on the side of a building. While rotating the ladder away from the building, the ladder collapsed, causing a fall of 20 feet to a concrete surface. The employer suffered fatal head trauma upon striking the concrete.

INSPECTION RESULTS

The investigation resulted in the issuance of two serious citations. The first citation was issued using the general duty clause stating that the employee did not furnish a workplace free from recognized hazards that caused death. The second citation was for lack of guards on the aerial ladder under standard 1910.219 *Mechanical power-transmission apparatus*.

ACCIDENT PREVENTION RECOMMENDATIONS

As part of a settlement agreement, OHSB required the employer to provide for an independent inspection of all ladder trucks, in addition to routine inspections performed by the employer.