

FATAL FACTS



No. 8775-026

Accident Type:	Caught Between
Number of Fatalities	1
Weather Conditions:	Dry and Calm
Type of Operation:	Hoisting
Size of Work Crew:	3
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:	Foreman
Age & Gender:	Male, 32
Experience at this Type of Work:	Several Years
Time on Project:	1 day



BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

Three employees were engaged in the activity of moving a large chilling unit. In the process of disconnecting the unit, the unit remained stuck in place. The foreman of the crew used force to jar the unit loose. This action caused the unit to come free and the subsequent force buckled the hoisting equipment. The foreman was struck by the moving equipment and suffered fatal injuries.

INSPECTION RESULTS

The investigation resulted in the issuance of one serious citation. The citation was for not furnishing a place of employment that was free from recognized hazards that are likely to cause death or serious physical harm to his employees. Section 50-9-5(A) (general duty clause) of NMSA 1978 New Mexico Occupational Health and Safety Act was the basis for the citation.

ACCIDENT PREVENTION RECOMMENDATIONS

The recommendation made by OHSB was to determine the weight of the load and to evaluate the capacity of the hoisting equipment prior to attempting the operation.