

# FATAL FACTS



**No. 8775-029**

Accident Type:	Fall to lower level
Number of Fatalities	1
Weather Conditions:	Dry, Calm, Warm
Type of Operation:	Sign Painting
Size of Work Crew:	1
Competent Safety Monitor on Site:	No
Safety and Health Program in Effect:	No
Was the Worksite Inspected Regularly:	No
Training and Education Provided:	No
Employees Job Titles:	Maintenance Supervisor
Age & Gender:	Male, 39
Experience at this Type of Work:	Years
Time on Project:	1 day



## **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT**

The employee was operating a scissors lift for the purpose of painting a sign. While the employee was elevated on the lift, the lift toppled, throwing the employee approximately 30 feet to the ground. It was determined that the employee moved the lift while he was elevated and the lift ran off of a 3” curb, causing it to topple. The injuries sustained in the fall were fatal.

## **INSPECTION RESULTS**

The investigation resulted in the issuance of three serious citations. The first two citations were for not furnishing a place of employment free from recognized hazards that were likely to cause death or serious physical harm to his employees. The general duty clause of the New Mexico Occupational Health and Safety Act, Section 50-9-5(A) was used for this citation. The two items cited were for not providing training in the operation of the scissors lift and for not checking the work area.

The third citation was for moving scaffolds horizontally while in use – 29 CFR 1910.28(a)(5).

## **ACCIDENT PREVENTION RECOMMENDATIONS**

The recommendations made by OHSB were to provide proper training for all operators of scissor lifts.