

FATAL FACTS



No. 8775-033

Accident Type:	Fall from elevation
Number of Fatalities	1
Weather Conditions:	Dry, Calm, Warm
Type of Operation:	Insulation Installation
Size of Work Crew:	4
Competent Safety Monitor on Site:	Yes
Safety and Health Program in Effect:	Yes
Was the Worksite Inspected Regularly:	No
Training and Education Provided:	Yes
Employees Job Titles:	Foreman
Age & Gender:	Male, 31
Experience at this Type of Work:	Years
Time on Project:	1 day



BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

A crew entered a vestibule of a building to install insulation. The foreman was last seen alive lifting the covering over a hole in the floor. The covering was moved from the opening and the foreman fell through to the floor, 20' below.

INSPECTION RESULTS

The employer of the deceased was issued a single serious citation for not ensuring fall protection was in place, 29 CFR 1926.501(b)(1).

The controlling employer was issued four serious citations:

29 CFR 1926.20(b)(3) – not having proper hole covering in place

29 CFR 1926.502(i)(2) – hole covering not capable of supporting twice the weight of employees

29 CFR 1926.502(i)(3) – unsecured hole cover

29 CFR 1926.502(i)(4) – unmarked hole cover

ACCIDENT PREVENTION RECOMMENDATIONS

Controlling employer and deceased's employer should conduct training for all employees related to fall protection and proper procedures for covering holes in structures.