

## **1. Fall from a Mobile Scaffold**

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A **40-year-old** employee of a construction company died in a fall from a mobile scaffold. The company erected the steel frame for a building and installed the metal siding. A concrete floor was poured and the roof was being installed. The victim was previously seen accessing the roof from a mobile scaffold at the location where the fatality incident occurred. A co-worker on the roof saw the deceased with his arm on the roof, which indicated he was standing on the top scaffold board. The co-worker turned away and heard a “thud.” The co-worker looked over the edge of the roof and saw the victim on the concrete floor below. It is not known exactly what the victim was doing at the time of the incident. The top scaffold platform was at such a height as to require a standard railing or equivalent fall protection. The distance from the top of the scaffold to the roof level exceeded TOSHA requirements for safe access.

### **Citation(s) as Originally Issued**

#### **Citation 1**

Item 1a 1926.451(g)(1)	Each employee on a scaffold more than 10 feet above a lower level was not protected from falling to the lower level.
Item 1b 1926.454(a)	The employer did not ensure employees who perform work while on a scaffold is trained by a person qualified in the subject matter to recognize the hazards associated with the type of scaffold being used and understand the procedures to control or minimize those hazards.
Item 2 1926.1051(a)	A stairway or ladder was not provided at all personnel points of access where there is a break in elevation of 19 inches or more, and no ramp, runway, sloped embankment, or personnel hoist is provided.

#### **Citation 2**

Item 1 TDLWD Rule 0800-1-3-.05(1)(a)	An oral report of an employment accident resulting in a fatality or the inpatient hospitalization of three or more employees was not made within eight (8) hours after the occurrence to the nearest Area Office of the Division of Occupational Safety and Health or to the TOSHA toll-free central telephone number (1-800-249-8510).
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