

## **21. Fall Down Five Steps**

A 37-year-old worker died when he fell down a flight of five concrete steps and struck his head on the concrete sidewalk below. The victim worked for a contractor that was hired to update wiring and gauges at a natural gas transfer station. The victim was working alone running new wiring to gauges in the compressor room. The compressor room and the electrical/switch room were located about 20 feet apart and connected by an outside walking platform. (See Photo) The victim walked between the compressor room and the switch room many times during the installation of the new wires. On the day of the incident, an employee of another contractor at the site found the victim lying on the concrete sidewalk at the bottom of five steps leading down from the walking platform between the compressor room and the switch room. Apparently, the victim exited the door from the compressor room onto the outside walking platform, and while opening the door to the switch room he lost his footing on the edge of the steps and fell down the steps striking his head on the concrete sidewalk. Emergency services were called and the victim was transported to a local hospital. He died 7 days later from the head injury.

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