

10 Fall off ladder – Inspection #1158711

A **40 year old male** employee was fatally injured when he fell off an 8 foot ladder striking his head on the ground below. The subcontractor/owner, the victim, and another employee had been working at the site for over a week framing a residential home. On the day of the accident, the builder stopped work for a moment to talk to the subcontractor/owner about some design changes. The victim and a fellow employee were sitting on 8 foot ladders waiting for instruction from the subcontractor/owner concerning the changes. It was believed that the victim possibly passed out while sitting on the ladder causing him to fall onto the concrete head first. The victim sustained multiple skull fractures among other injuries, and succumbed to his injuries 89 days later. The hospitalization of the victim was not reported to TOSHA in a timely manner. The jobsite, now complete and occupied, could not be inspected. Based on interviews, no violations of the TOSHA standards directly related to the accident could be determined. The subcontractor/owner did receive a citation for not reporting a hospitalization within 24 hours of an incident.

Citation(s) as Originally Issued

A complete inspection was conducted at the accident scene. Some of the items cited may not directly relate to the fatality.

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TDLWD Rule 0800-01-03-.05(1)(a)2	Within 24 hours after the in-patient hospitalization of one or more employees or an employee's amputation or an employee's loss of an eye, as a result of a work-related incident, the employer did not report the in-patient hospitalization, amputation, or loss of an eye to TOSHA. In that an employee hospitalization occurring on March 24, 2016 at 10:30 am on residential construction site was not reported within 24 hours.
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