

A **55 year old male** employee was found at the base of an 8' ladder after initially being on the ladder to install a control module in an access panel in the side of a soffit ceiling. It is believed that he **fell from the ladder.**

The victim went to work on Saturday morning by himself to catch up on missed time; he was tasked with installing a control module in an access panel in the side of a soffit ceiling, located in room #1403. The control module's purpose was to reduce the power of the circuitry wiring (120-volts) in the building to the light fixture (operates on 24-volt supply wiring) that was going to be installed in the room at a later time. The victim had installed control modules, conduit, and/or other light fixtures in other rooms located on the 14th floor project and knew the task.

It was determined, however, that on the day of the accident, the control module was never placed in the access panel. Based on the job task assigned to the victim; it is believed that he was standing on the ladder cutting and prepping wires to install on a control module in the room when he fell from the ladder. Eventually, he would have routed conduit pipe to the center of the room's ceiling where a light fixture was going to be installed.

A photo provided by the employer of the victim showed him laying on the floor close to the 8ft Werner podium ladder, face down with both arms to one side. There was a wire underneath him and one between his legs and clutched in his hand. A tape measure, roll of black tape and a pencil were scattered around on the floor in close proximity to the victim. It is believed that the victim struck his head as there was a visible head wound, per the contractor that found the victim.

The wires were not energized, there were no deficiencies observed with the ladder, and the ladder was in the upright position properly erected when the victim was found. Per the death certificate the victim suffered blunt force injuries from a presumed fall.

**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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