

Fall - Inspection #1863383

A 37-year-old male was removing baffle in a vent system that was being replaced as part of a roof upgrade. The victim was lifted to the roof by man-basket. The employee exited the basket with other employees. The section of roof occupied by the victim could not support the weight of the victim and failed. The employee fell approximately 52 feet to his death. Fall harnesses were worn but not tied off to any tie off point after exiting the basket, as there was no tie off point.

Citations as Originally Issued

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

Citation 1 Item 1 Type of Violation: Serious

29 CFR 1926.754(a): Structural stability was not maintained at all times during the process:

In that the roof of the Casting building was not adequately evaluated to ensure it was structurally stable.

Proposed Penalty: \$5,400

Citation 1 Item 2 Type of Violation: Serious

29 CFR 1926.760(a)(1): Each employee engaged in steel erection activity who is on a walking/ working surface with an unprotected side or edge more than 15 feet above a lower level was not protected from fall hazards by guardrail systems, safety net systems, personal fall arrest systems, positioning device systems or fall restraint systems:

In that employees were working on the Casting building roof without any type of fall protection in place, exposing employees to falls up to 52 feet.

Proposed Penalty: \$5,400

Citation 1 Item 3 Type of Violation: Serious

29 CFR 1926.761(b): The employer did not train each employee exposed to a fall hazard in accordance with the requirements of 29 CFR 1926.761:

In that employees working to replace the roof of the Casting building had not been provided adequate fall protection training to ensure that they could recognize fall hazards and know when and how to utilize fall protection systems.

Proposed Penalty: \$4,000

