

22. Fall from mezzanine

A **74-year-old** laborer died when he fell from a mezzanine in a storage barn. The victim was retrieving PVC pipe from the second floor of the barn on a golf course site when he stepped backward onto a hatch cover which gave way under his weight. This allowed him to fall approximately nine feet to the ground below. There were two other workers in the barn loft at the time, but neither of them was facing the victim and did not see him fall. The victim was air lifted to a hospital where he passed away three weeks later from the injuries.

Citations as Originally Issued

A complete inspection was conducted of the worksite. Thus, some of the items cited may not directly relate to the fatality

Citation 1

Item 1 1910.23(a)(3)	Hatchway or chute floor openings were not guarded by hinged covers or railings.
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Hatch cover used at the time of the fatality

Permanent cover installed after the fatality

