

A **58 year old male** employee **slipped/tripped and fell into the concrete building** while walking with an umbrella. A large gust of wind came through blowing his umbrella which caused it to flare and the victim to lose his footing. The employee was hospitalized and succumbed to his injuries 8 days later.

A witness stated that he had arrived to work early in order to beat the storm and just get settled in. He put his stuff in his locker and had come back outside to see if the storm had hit yet and get some air. He stated that he saw the victim walking up but when the wind started blowing, it was so strong that he had to hold on to the railing and adjust his stance to lean into the wind. He stated once the wind died down, he was able to tell the victim had fallen on the ground next to the concrete pillar and it looked like he had hit his head.

The inspection revealed that the walking/working surface appeared to be smooth and level with no apparent trip hazards. It was determined that the victim had fallen due to being knocked off balance from the wind/oncoming storm and fell into the concrete support column, hitting his head resulting in a brain bleed. It appeared that inclement weather and harsh winds were the primary causes of the incident, which was out of the control of the employer.

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.

No citations were recommended.



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