

Fall from ladder—Insp # 1696251 Ryno Construction, LLC

A **37 year old male employee fell approximately 15' from a ladder** to a concrete floor while traveling between floors. The incident was originally reported as a hospitalization; however, the victim later succumbed to his injuries.

The worksite was the renovation of an industrial warehouse to new, residential apartments. While on site the employee worked to install electrical conduit and wall mounted handy boxes on the first and second floor of the warehouse. To access the second floor the employee used a 28-foot Werner fiberglass extension ladder located on the inside of the warehouse near the northeast corner of the building. The ladder was secured in place at the top and base, with the upper landing having site made guard rails in place. The total distance from the first to second floor measured approximately 15-foot-4-inches. The employee had been working from the second floor of the warehouse for the majority of the day. The employee did not work from the ladder and was not seen carrying tools or equipment while using the ladder. The ladder was used only to access and exit the second floor of the warehouse. The victim was found unconscious at the base of the ladder with an injury to his head.

There were no witnesses to the victim's 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.

Citation 1 Item 1 Type of Violation: Other-than-Serious \$300

TDLWD Rule 0800-01-03-.05(1)(a)2: Within twenty-four (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 occurred on 08/25/23 after an employee fell from a ladder and that the hospitalization was not reported to TOSHA until 08/29/23, approximately 4 days later.

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