

FATALGRAM 24-01

Alaska Department of Labor & Workforce Development
Division of Labor & Safety Standards
Occupational Safety & Health



Date of incident: February 16, 2024

Industry: Construction

Location: Girdwood, Alaska

Summary: A laborer fell to his death while conducting demolition work.

Description of Accident: A 42-year-old male died from injuries sustained when he fell off a temporary work platform. The employee fell from a height of approximately 17 feet. Efforts to revive the employee on the scene were unsuccessful.

Accident Prevention Recommendations:

- Ensure all employees who are working at heights six feet or more above a lower level are protected from falls by using guardrail systems, safety nets, or personal fall arrest systems.
- Develop rescue plans when employees are utilizing personal fall arrest systems that provide for prompt rescue in the event an employee is unable to rescue themselves.
- Ensure that each employee is adequately trained to recognize and avoid unsafe conditions associated with working at heights.