

FATALGRAM

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Date of Accident: April 26, 2002

Construction Industry

A construction worker died from injuries received as a result of a fall from one elevation to another.

A construction worker died as a result of the injuries sustained in a fall of approximately nine feet from the first floor decking to the concrete basement floor. The victim was dragging a 16 foot length of 2 X 6 across the first floor decking walking backwards when he fell through the stairwell opening. He was not wearing fall protection and the stairwell opening was not properly marked and/or blocked off in order to prevent such occurrences.

ACCIDENT PREVENTION RECOMMENDATIONS:

- All stairway openings or other fall hazard openings should be guarded by a conforming guard rail system or other OSH approved fall protection system.
- An employer should have a written safety program which includes enforcement and discipline procedures to ensure that employees follow the employer's safety requirements. The employer should take steps to discover employee violations and document disciplinary action taken.