

Region V Quarterly Fatality Report

From: 04/01/2009 Thru: 06/30/2009

Number of Fatalities: 31

<u>Fatality</u>	<u>Accident Summary</u>	<u>Area Office</u>
4 /8 /2009	<i>An employee was fatally injured after becoming caught between a scissor lift and large pipe. It is believed that employee's coveralls or lanyard became caught on the scissor lift's controls causing it to raise and pin employee. Employee was rescued, taken to hospital and appeared to be okay but died two days after the accident while undergoing surgery.</i>	Cincinnati
4 /8 /2009	<i>An employee was fatally injured after falling 18 feet through a skylight. Employee was removing a steel roof from a metal industrial building and had walked backwards over the fiberglass skylight.</i>	Appleton
4 /13/2009	<i>An employee was fatally injured when he was struck by a falling elevator car. Employee had descended into the elevator pit (approximately 75 inches deep) to conduct repair work when the elevator car dropped striking employee.</i>	Columbus
4 /13/2009	<i>An employee was fatally injured after he fell 10 feet while attempting to move a pallet of fiberglass insulation from an elevated platform to the forks of a lift truck. Employee was taken to hospital after the fall and was released later that day. Employee was taken to hospital by his wife five days later and subsequently died. Pending further details.</i>	Cleveland
4 /14/2009	<i>An employee was fatally injured while operating a hand-held chop saw. Employee was at the bottom of a trench cutting existing conduit pipe with the saw when the saw kicked back and struck him in the neck.</i>	Eau Claire
4 /15/2009	<i>An employee was fatally injured after becoming caught in a farming bale elevator. Employee and a farmer were loading cob corn from a wagon up the elevator to a truck. When employee bent down to get the last of the cob his untucked shirt tail became entangled in the shaft of the power take off of the tractor powering the elevator.</i>	Eau Claire
4 /22/2009	<i>An employee was fatally injured after falling into an empty tank car.</i>	Peoria

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<i>4 /24/2009</i>	<i>An employee asphyxiated and a second employee was hospitalized while conducting remodeling work in an abandoned home. Electric power to the home was shut off and a gas generator that was placed in the basement was used as a power source. Both employees were working at night and were found unresponsive the following morning by third employee.</i>	<i>Cleveland</i>
<i>4 /27/2009</i>	<i>An employee was fatally injured after falling off the cab of his truck. The employee fell 3.5 feet backward off the cab of his trailer, stood up and continued working the remainder of the day. Later that evening employee fainted and was taken to a local hospital. Employee remained in the hospital for 13 days before expiring. Causal factor of death is pending.</i>	<i>Aurora</i>
<i>4 /30/2009</i>	<i>An employee was fatally injured after falling 16 feet from an extension ladder. Ladder was positioned on a phone line between two telephone poles and was equipped with cable hooks. Weather at the time of the accident was windy with a driving rain.</i>	<i>Peoria</i>
<i>5 /1 /2009</i>	<i>An employee was fatally injured when he became caught between the counterweight of an excavator and a gravel box. Employee was observing work being done and walked between the rear of the excavator and the gravel box without the excavator operator's knowledge.</i>	<i>Columbus</i>
<i>5 /5 /2009</i>	<i>One employee was fatally injured and another employee was hospitalized after they were run over by a potato planter that was attached to a tractor. The tractor operator was not able to see over the top of the planter and unaware that he had hit both employees.</i>	<i>Appleton</i>
<i>5 /18/2009</i>	<i>An employee was electrocuted when he made contact with a power line while pressure washing a building.</i>	<i>Peoria</i>
<i>5 /19/2009</i>	<i>Employee #1 and Employee #2 were performing residential plumbing work in a basement and Employee #1 complained he did not feel well. They both left the work site to purchase additional materials for the job and on the drive back, Employee #1, who was driving, passed out. Employee #2 took control of the vehicle and steered it into the ditch and called 911. Employee #1 was pronounced dead at the hospital. Possible Heart Attack - pending further details.</i>	<i>Milwaukee</i>
<i>5 /27/2009</i>	<i>A convenience store employee was fatally killed by two patrons who entered the store and shot employee multiple times.</i>	<i>Peoria</i>

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6 /1 /2009	<i>An employee was fatally injured after experiencing myocardial infarction possibly induced by a solvent that he was using to clean shop floors. The following day he reported chest pains and expired 72 hours after initial contact with the solvent.</i>	<i>Cincinnati</i>
6 /1 /2009	<i>An employee was fatally injured while performing a training exercise designed to simulate self-rescue from an elevated aerial lift bucket. The rescue equipment, an Anthron Double Stop Descender (DSD-25) failed to control the employee's descent. Employee survived initial fall but expired three weeks later due to complications from the injury.</i>	<i>Toledo</i>
6 /1 /2009	<i>An employee was fatally injured after becoming caught between the bucket of a front end loader and a power screener. The top of the power screener had become filled with debris and employee was lifted up in the bucket to clear debris. The operator of the end loader mistakenly hit the control levels with his shoulder causing employee to become crushed between the bucket and the power screen.</i>	<i>Cleveland</i>
6 /4 /2009	<i>An employee was fatally injured after falling through a gap in a guardrail to the floor below. Employee was performing "Fire Watch" duties during a plant modification project where an oxygen/acetylene torch was being used to remove steel beams. Employee was behind a plywood railing system that was 48 inches high except for one corner where there was a 20 inch opening due to an adjacent dust collector. A wooden skid had been placed across the gap.</i>	<i>Peoria</i>
6 /6 /2009	<i>An employee was fatally injured after becoming caught underneath an asphalt roller. The employee was operating the rolling machine on newly laid asphalt when it veered off the road and overturned in a ditch.</i>	<i>Peoria</i>
6 /8 /2009	<i>An employee was electrocuted after he made contact with a live wire during the installation of a wave soldering machine.</i>	<i>Aurora</i>
6 /8 /2009	<i>An employee of a leather tanning company was fatally injured when he became caught in a rotating drum mixer. Employee's job duties require the use of fall protection equipment as a fall hazard exists while loading leather hides into the drums. When not loading hides, employee was required to clean the areas around the drums. Employee had just finished loading hides, unhooked his lanyard and began to clean the floor when his body harness snagged a drain nozzle on the rotating drum pulling him between the drum and its support frame.</i>	<i>Milwaukee</i>
6 /9 /2009	<i>An employee was electrocuted after making contact with a power line while trimming trees.</i>	<i>Toledo</i>

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6/11/2009	<i>An employee was fatally injured after becoming caught between a mixer and a mortar mixing tub. Employee was in the process of mixing a batch of mortar when the mixer tipped forward and pinned him against the mortar tub. The mixer's tires and axle had been removed and had been placed on a bed of sand.</i>	Milwaukee
6/12/2009	<i>An employee was fatally injured after he fell 35 feet through a roof to the ground below. The deceased was in the process of installing a new roof to an existing building and it is believed that the fall was caused by him stepping on a rusty portion of the pre-existing roof.</i>	Cleveland
6/16/2009	<i>An employee was fatally injured after he fell from a ladder while removing a bird's nest from an apartment building roof.</i>	Aurora
6/18/2009	<i>An employee was electrocuted while conducting repair work on lighting. Initially, cause of death appeared to be a heart attack. New information indicates cause of death may be electrocution. Pending further details.</i>	Madison
6/23/2009	<i>An employee was fatally injured due to heat stroke. Employee was engaged in road construction work at the time of the death. Pending further details.</i>	Aurora
6/23/2009	<i>An employee was fatally injured after a falling tree limb struck him in the head. Employee was part of a five man team clearing trees around a power line.</i>	Cincinnati
6/26/2009	<i>An employee was fatally injured when he fell after being struck by a steel plate. At the time of the accident, employee was welding steel plates to the frame of a fuel tank. Pending further details.</i>	Milwaukee
6/30/2009	<i>An employee was fatally injured when he fell from a two point scaffold. Employee was attempting to tie the suspension rope when it failed causing employee to fall 35 feet to the ground. Employee was wearing a full fall protection harness but it was not attached to a vertical lifeline.</i>	Cal City