

New Mexico Occupational Health & Safety

FATAL FACTS



No. 8775-015

Accident Type:	Fall from height
Number of Fatalities	1
Weather Conditions:	Dry and Calm
Type of Operation:	Door repair
Size of Work Crew:	1
Competent Safety Monitor on Site:	No
Safety and Health Program in Effect:	Yes
Was the Worksite Inspected Regularly:	No
Training and Education Provided:	Yes
Employees Job Titles:	Service Tech
Age & Gender:	55 Male
Experience at this Type of Work:	Many years
Time on Project:	Less than 1 hour



BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

The employee was working at a height of approximately nine feet on a ladder. Beginning his descent, he fell from the ladder and landed on a concrete service. He died from blunt force trauma to the head.

INSPECTION RESULTS

The inspection revealed the employer did have a written safety plan in place that covered fall protection. No citations were issued.

ACCIDENT PREVENTION RECOMMENDATIONS

The recommendation for preventing this type of accident was to stress ladder safety on a frequent basis, to review employee work practices on the jobsite, and to designate a safety officer.