

Case 102. 48-year-old male builder was fatally injured when he fell approximately 15 feet onto cement striking his head.

On September 12, 2005, a 48-year-old male builder was fatally injured when he fell approximately 15 feet onto cement striking his head. The deceased was walking across two 2x10x12 foot planks over the top of a cement foundation of a new home he was constructing. The planks were being used for the first floor rafter boards. While the deceased was walking across the planks, both planks broke and he fell into the basement. He was taken to a local hospital where he died four days after the incident.

MIOSHA did not conduct a compliance investigation and therefore did not issue citations. An investigation was not conducted because it was determined there was no employer/employee relationship. The deceased was the sole owner and only employee of his company.