

Case 140. 56-year-old painter was struck in the head by a falling gutter.

A 56-year-old male painter was struck in the head by a falling gutter. He died in the hospital on Wednesday, July 5, 2006. The gutter that fell onto him was approximately 15-feet long and weighed between 35 and 40 pounds. It was attached to a roof overhang by a 2x4 board running its length approximately 10 feet above the concrete floor. It had been in place for 13 years. The overhang roof protected trucks as they delivered their products. Dents in the gutter indicated it had been struck by trucks as they drove under the overhang. Maintenance records were available for 10 years, however nothing was documented for the gutter. No strapping attached the gutter to the overhang although it had been specified on the original blueprints.

No citations were issued by MIOSHA Construction Safety and Health Division.