

# Gravity... Kills & Maims

“Six Serious Mishaps & Fatalities within 10 weeks”

## 14 JAN 2013 - **SERIOUS** Injury: Fall from Ladder

A step ladder was folded out to a straight ladder in order to access the bottom of a drained swimming pool. The ladder was not tied off when the contractor descended down the ladder facing outward. The ladder feet slipped, causing the ladder bottom to kick out. The victim fell approximately 4 feet, suffered a broken tail bone and is currently in the hospital.



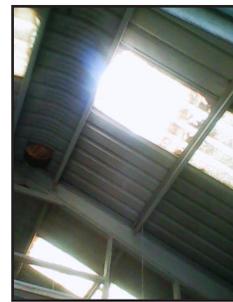
## 14 JAN 2013 - **SERIOUS** Injury: Fall from Formwork

Contractor laborer was tightening wall formwork during installation at a height of 16-18 feet. Although the victim was wearing his fall protection harness and lanyard, he was not using them. Instead, he was utilizing a positioning belt that was clipped between the formwork and his harness. When the attachment point to the formwork failed, the victim fell about 20 feet to the concrete floor below and suffered a broken ankle.



## 8 JAN 2012 - **CRITICAL** Injury: Fall from Roof

Military personnel were conducting emergency roof repairs at a warehouse. The existing sky light panels in the roof were painted over. One of the workers fell through the sky light and hit his head on a concrete shelf. The fall is estimated to have been 20 to 30 feet. The victim is currently in a medically-induced coma.



**THERE'S NO EXCUSE  
FOR NOT USING FALL PROTECTION**



Falls kill one construction worker a day

**DON'T FALL FOR IT!**

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## 4 JAN 2013 - **FATALITY & SERIOUS** Injury: Fall from Elevated Platform

Tree trimmer left an elevated bucket truck work platform while simultaneously tethered to the bucket and the tree trunk. The truck boom started to independently move, pulling both the tree trimmer and the top of the tree. A second contractor attempted to stop the boom's movement from the alternate operator control station located near the boom base. The tree trunk was bent nearly 45 degrees when it snapped and fatally struck the worker at the control station. The tree trimmer fell to the ground and was severely injured.



## 11 DEC 2012 - **SERIOUS** Injury: Fall from Tree

Tree trimmer was using a lineman's body belt attached to chain-type lanyard wrapped around the coconut tree trunk. While working about 30 feet above ground, he leaned back into the lineman's body belt for support and the chain link connector attached to the side D-ring suddenly came loose.

Victim fell and suffered a fractured left arm, laceration to the forehead and injuries to his neck/back. He had surgery for internal injuries and is currently undergoing physical therapy at the hospital.



## 1 NOV 2012 - **FATALITY & SERIOUS** Injury: Tipped Elevated Manlift

Two structural steel workers were approximately 35' high in an articulating boom lift when they moved the lift and a wheel rolled into a trench. The lift toppled and dropped the two victims from a three story height. One victim died on the scene. The other victim survived, but suffered severe back and pelvic injuries.



**Step 1: What can go wrong?  
(Identify/Assess Hazards)**

**Step 2: What can I do about it?  
(Identify Potential Controls/Make Risk Decisions)**

**Step 3: If I can't do anything about the  
problem, who do I tell?**