

MNMM Fatal 2008-15

- Fall of Person Accident
- September 1, 2008 (Arizona)
- Copper Operation
- Contractor Consultant
- 67 years old
- 46 years experience

Overview

The victim was fatally injured when he fell through an opening in an elevated travelway 28 feet to the ground. The opening was created by removing sections of grating to lower tools and equipment to the ground below.



Root Cause

Management policies and controls were inadequate and failed to ensure that persons traveling near openings in travelways were protected from falling.

Best Practices

- Establish and discuss safe work procedures. Identify and control all hazards to finish the job safely.
- Train all persons to recognize and understand safe job procedures before beginning work.
- Wear fall protection where there is a danger of falling.
- Protect openings near travelways through which persons may fall by installing railings, barriers, or covers.
- Keep temporary access opening covers or railings secured in place at all times when the opening is not being used.