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Alaska Department of Labor & Workforce
Development Division of Labor & Safety Standards
Occupational Safety & Health



Date of incident: 5-14-2025

Industry: Construction

Location: Third-party business, Ward Cove, AK

Summary: A worker fell to his death while working at heights.

Description of Accident: An employee sustained a fatal fall from an improvised scaffold that had been installed atop roof rafters, approximately 38 feet above the lower level. The employee fell to the concrete floor below and was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Accident Prevention Recommendations:

- **Examine jobsite setup:**
Conduct a thorough hazard assessment relevant to the scope of work and determine the appropriate safety precautions to be taken before work begins.
- **Protect employees working at height:**
Ensure all employees working at heights 6' or more above lower levels are protected from falls by using guardrail systems, safety net systems, or personal fall arrest systems.
- **Provide fall protection training:**
Train employees to recognize fall hazards and the use of appropriate fall protection while working at heights.