

## FATALGRAM 22-01

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



**Date of incident:** December 9, 2021

**Industry:** General Industry

**Location:** Anchorage, Alaska

**Summary:** An aircraft mechanic fell off a ladder while installing a wingtip on the fixed wing of a multi-engine DHC-6-400 airplane.

**Description of Accident:** A 62-year-old male died from head injuries sustained when he fell off the ladder he was working on while installing a wingtip on a fixed wing multi-engine DHC-6-400 airplane. The employee fell from the height of approximately 7.5 feet and struck his head on the cement floor. The employee was taken to a local hospital in Anchorage where he died of his injuries two days later.

### **Accident Prevention Recommendations:**

- Ladders are inspected before initial use in each work shift, and more frequently as necessary, to identify any visible defects that could cause employee injury.
- Any ladder with structural or other defects is immediately tagged "Dangerous: Do Not Use" or with similar language in accordance with § 1910.145 and removed from service until repaired in accordance with § 1910.22(d), or replaced.
- Ensure that each employee is adequately trained to recognize and void unsafe conditions associated with working on ladders.