



# IUEC INCIDENT SUMMARY

CLOSE CALLS, NEAR MISSES AND INJURIES

“NEAR MISS”



## Description of Incident

Control Type: NA

Machine Type: Traction

Speed: NA

Capacity: NA

Rise: 50 Floors

Hoistway Configuration: 4 Car Bank

- A mechanic and apprentice were working from a go-devil/false car on a new construction job. They had just stepped off the platform on the 7<sup>th</sup> floor to grab material.
- At that instant ice debris came down the hoistway from the 22<sup>nd</sup> floor. The ice hit the crash deck that was made of 2x4's and ¾" plywood with metal mesh grating.
- The ice landed on top of the crash deck and broke thru knocking the 2x4's down the hoist way striking the go-devil.
- The crew was fortunate that that they were off the go-devil and not injured.

# Recommendations & Lessons Learned



- Always follow the company Safety Policy.
- Always perform a JHA/JSA per company policy.
- Visually check the crash deck daily.
- Always check the surrounding areas of open hoist ways for debris, ice and or snow that if dislodged can come down the hoist way.
- Employer Responsibilities

The OSH Act of 1970 Section 5, requirements

- Each employer shall furnish to each of his/her employees' employment and a place of employment which are free from recognized hazards that are causing or are likely to cause death or serious physical harm to his/her employees'.

OSHA 1926.552(b)(3)

- Overhead protective covering of 2-inch planking, 3/4-inch plywood, or other solid material of equivalent strength, shall be provided on top of every material hoist cage or platform.

OSHA 1926.552 (c)(7)

- OSHA does not set forth specific performance requirements in the scaffolding standard for falling object protection systems. However, in order to fulfill the requirements of the standard - that is, to abate the struck-by hazard presented by potential falling objects, the falling object protection systems would need to be sufficiently strong to withstand the potential impact of the objects above the scaffold.