



TRIPS AND SLIPS CAN CAUSE FALLS FROM HEIGHT



CASE STUDY

What Happened?

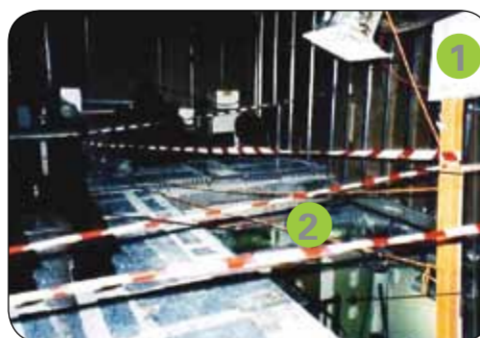
A worker was carrying out drilling operations at the 33rd level of a building. The worker tripped on an electrical extension wire and fell through a floor slab opening within a wooden barricade. He landed on the 32nd level.

Why it Happened?

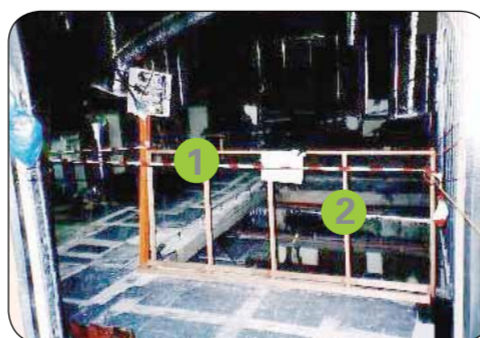
The opening through which the worker fell was meant for the staircases (before dismantling). It was unguarded by any effective barrier to prevent falls.

How to Prevent?

- Practice good housekeeping.
- Provide barriers at floor openings to prevent falls or to cover the openings.
- Provide appropriate lighting and display suitable warning signs to warn workers of potential dangers at work areas.



- 1 The electrical distribution box at the corner of the floor slab opening
- 2 The floor slab opening was meant for a staircase before it was dismantled



- 1 The red-white tape and nylon rope used to barricade the two sides of the floor slab opening
- 2 The wooden barricade (guarding only one side of the opening and not the remaining three)

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