

FATALGRAM 13-01

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



Date of Incident: June 6, 2013

Industry: Private Sector

Location: 13296 Rossen Dr., Eagle River, AK

Summary: An employee was struck by a truss on the left side of his chest and sustained serious internal injuries which led to his demise.

Description of Accident: The victim was the foreman for his crew, setting wood trusses with a boom and a "J" Hook. While lowering the truss in place, the "J" Hook became unintentionally displaced allowing the truss to catch upon other nearby place materials. This caused the truss to fall on the victim who became inside the failure zone due to the displacement of the truss. The truss struck his left chest area causing serious internal injuries; Chugach Volunteer Fire Dept. was first on scene. The victim was transported to the Alaska Native Hospital and passed from injuries caused by the accident.

Accident Prevention Recommendations:

- Ensure that all employees are adequately trained and know the hazards during the loading/installation of trusses, and materials.
- Ensure that each employee has been trained to recognize and avoid unsafe conditions involving swinging loads, rigging procedures, and emergency procedures.
- Develop a safety and health program consisting of management commitment and employee involvement, worksite analysis, hazard prevention and control, and safety and health training.