

## FATALGRAM 23-01

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Division of Labor & Safety Standards  
Occupational Safety & Health



**Date of incident:** April 15, 2023  
**Industry:** Oil and Gas Production  
**Location:** Deadhorse, Alaska

**Summary:** An employee died as a result of head injuries suffered while manually unloading a pipe from a truck on an icy surface.

**Description of Accident:** A 23-year-old male died from injuries sustained in a same-level fall that occurred while carrying a piece of pipe over his shoulder while walking on an icy surface, causing a skull fracture upon impact. Emergency services were initiated within minutes of the incident by 911. CPR was initiated soon after and the victim was transported to the nearest medical clinic where efforts to revive him failed.

### Accident Prevention Recommendations:

- Establish and implement a comprehensive health and safety program to assist with the recognition and control of hazards daily for all tasks. Employees and members of management should work together to ensure this is achieved by using a combination of engineering and administrative controls, employee training, and the use of Personal Protective Equipment.
- Use a mechanical means when moving materials when possible (forklift, cart, dolly, etc.), to avoid slip, trip, or fall hazards on icy surfaces as well as repetitive motion injuries.
- Ensure icy walking surfaces are maintained by scarring, adding traction material to the surface, or ensuring the use of traction devices.