

# SWRI-OSHA Alliance

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# Overall Goal

Provide members with info and guidance, especially on:

- Reducing and preventing exposure to:
  - Lead
  - Silica
  - Confined space hazards
  - Falls
- Staging requirements

# Outreach & Communication

- Reach out on those topics through conferences as well as print and electronic media
- Promote and encourage members to utilize OSHA's cooperative programs—VPP, Partnerships, Consultation—and also endorse mentoring among SWRI members
- OSHA table with various handouts available in the display area

# Promoting National Dialogue on Workplace Safety and Health

In speeches and public appearances, SWRI and some of its members will raise others awareness of and demonstrate their own commitment to workplace safety and health

# Accomplishments to date

- Links between OSHA's Web page on the SWRI Alliance to SWRI's Web site
- <http://www.osha.gov/dcsp/alliances/swri/swri.htm>  
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- Five articles in Member Briefs
- A presentation on Confined Space Entry October 28, 2003 in Vancouver
- This presentation on Mast Scaffolding
- Respiratory Protection, Silica and Lead exposures are potential topics for 2004 Annual Meeting in Boston

# “The New Generation of Work Platforms, Mast Scaffolding”

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# Mast Scaffolding

- OSHA Construction Industry Standards

1926.451 - Scaffolding Requirements

1926.454 - Training Requirements

ANSI/SIA – A92.9-1993 for Mast  
Climbing Work Platforms

# Benefits of Mast Scaffolding

- Cut labor costs in excess of 30%
- Reduction of access time by as much as 90%
- Reduction of building ties up to 70%
- Shorten production time



# Benefits of mast Scaffolding

- Offer safety, convenience and flexibility
- Speeds available from 3 feet to 40 feet per minute
- Capacity range from 770 lbs. to 25,000 lbs.

# History of Mast Scaffolding

- Appeared in Europe in the 70's
- First used in North America in 1982
- Later in the decade, a Canadian inventor created Hydro Mobile, the first Mast Climber built in North America
- In 1991, the Fraco platform was developed followed by Bennu and EZ Scaffold



**Mast Scaffold Used for Restoration Work**



**Typical Mast Scaffold**





**Typical Mast Scaffold Tie In**



**Base Support Structure Components**





**Mast Scaffold in Use**



**PPE Utilized**





**Safe Access to Platform**



**Mast Scaffolding Uses Less Space**





**Heavy Duty Mast Scaffold**



**Maintain Planking**



**Single Mast with Large Platform**





**Unique Tie Ins**



**Wedged into Window Openings**





**Base Support Bridged over Space**





**Pole Stabilizers Connected to Mast**



**Customized Mast Scaffolding**



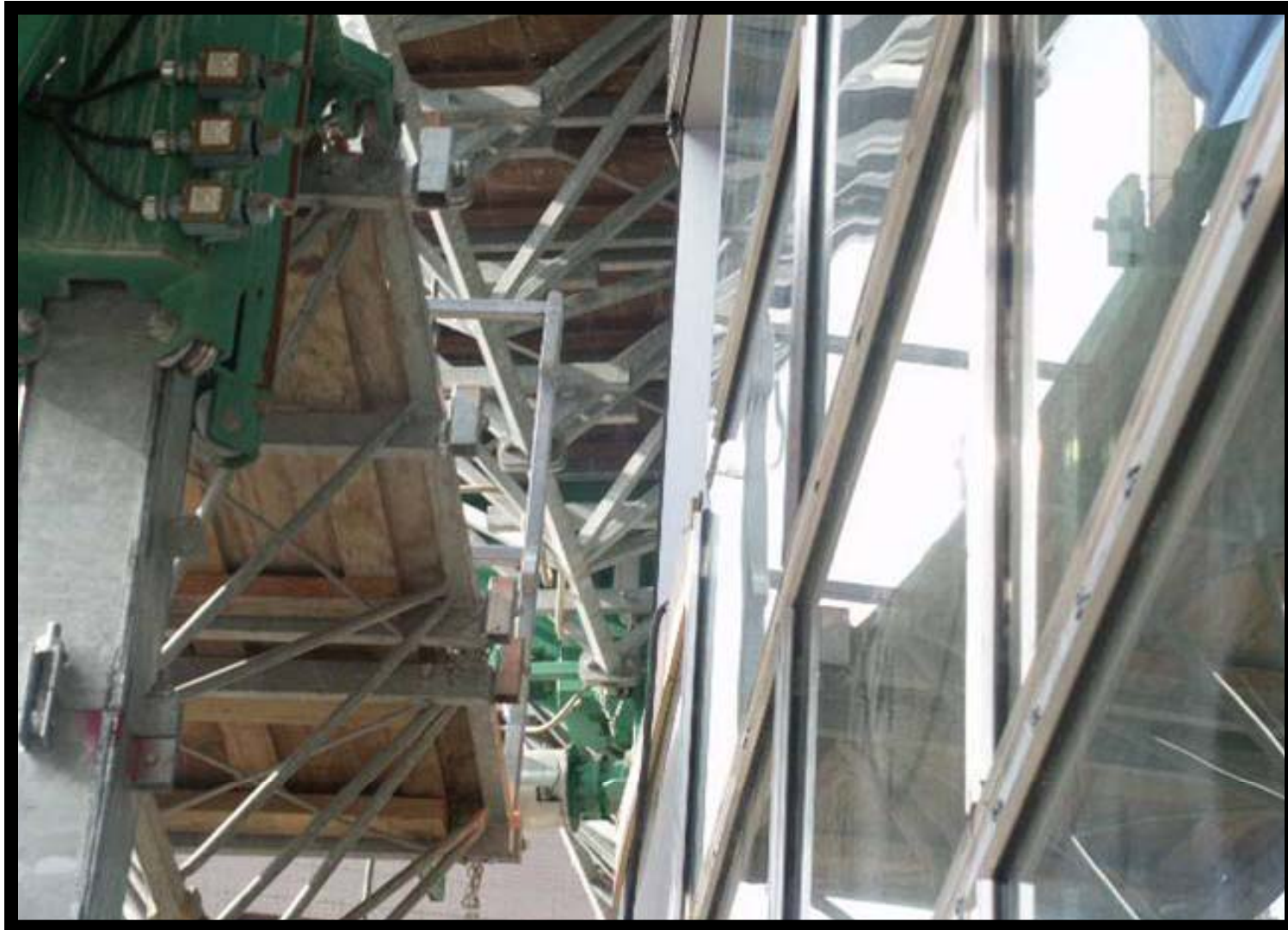


**Uneven Surface at Base Support**



**Outriggers and Stabilizers on Sills**





**Maximum Space of 14 Inches**



**Used For Various Tasks on Structures**



**Low Rise Use Is Also Popular**





**Transporting Mast Scaffolding**





**All Components Are Secured**



**Unique Use of Mast Scaffold**





**Extending the Work Height**



**Four Working Sides**



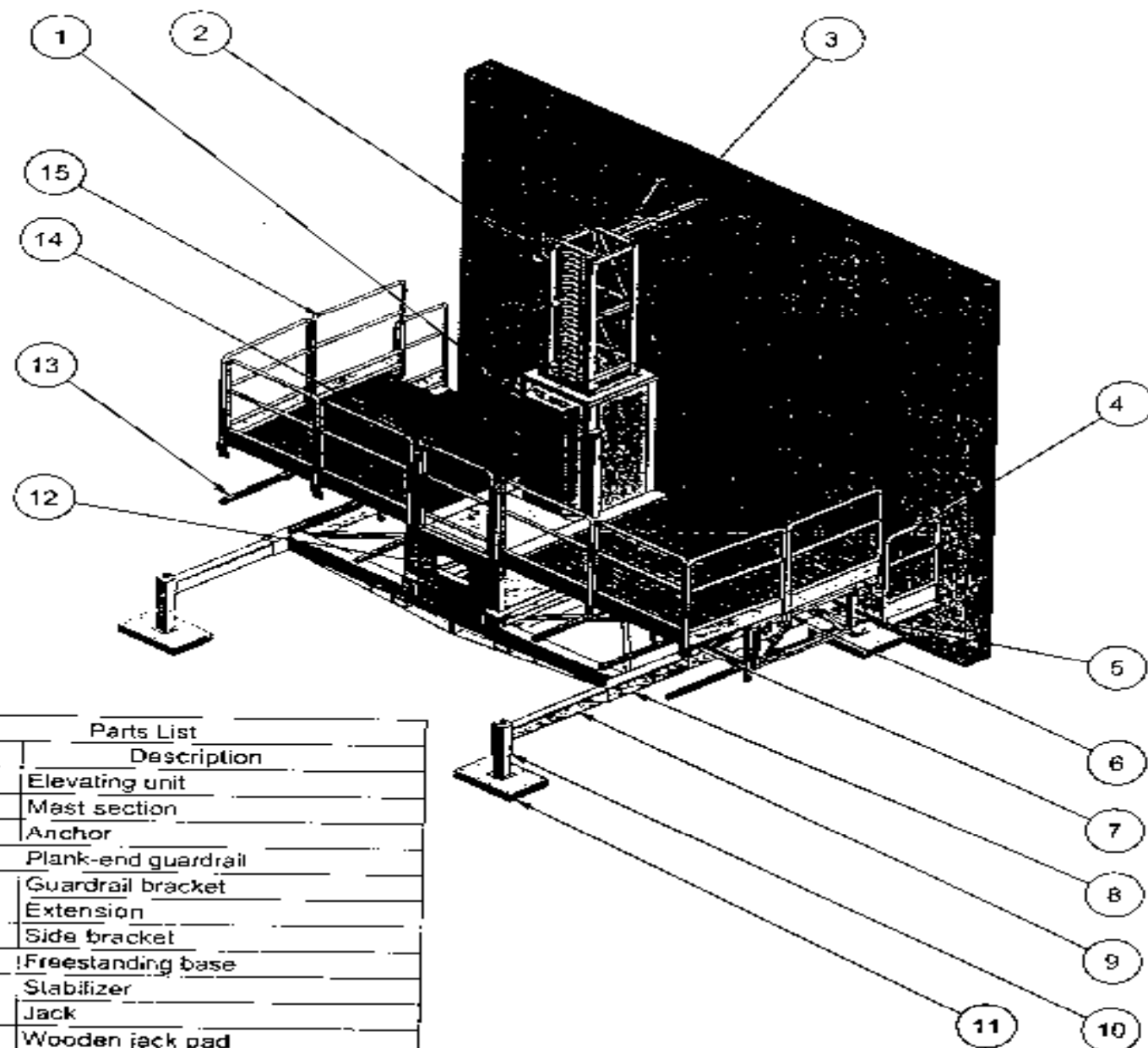


**Heavy Duty Structure Components**



**Self-supporting Base**

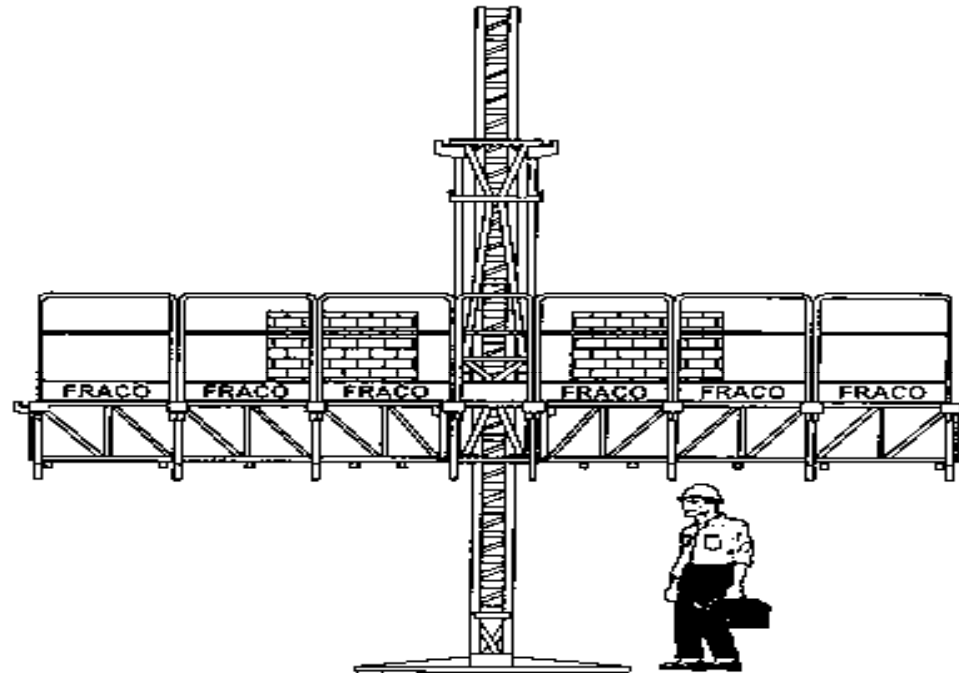
# GENERAL VIEW



Parts List	
Item	Description
1	Elevating unit
2	Mast section
3	Anchor
4	Plank-end guardrail
5	Guardrail bracket
6	Extension
7	Side bracket
8	Freestanding base
9	Stabilizer
10	Jack
11	Wooden jack pad
12	Engine support
13	Outrigger
14	Access door
15	Guardrail

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## *NEED FOR TRAINING*



This platform is to be used by trained and authorized personnel only. It is the user's responsibility to :

- Interpret and understand all caution and danger warning signals on the machine as illustrated in the operating manual.
- Have a clear understanding of the controls and to demonstrate that knowledge to an authorized trainer.
- Understand the hazards associated with using mast-climbing work platforms.
- Ensure only authorized personnel use the platform.
- Inspect and service the units on a daily basis.

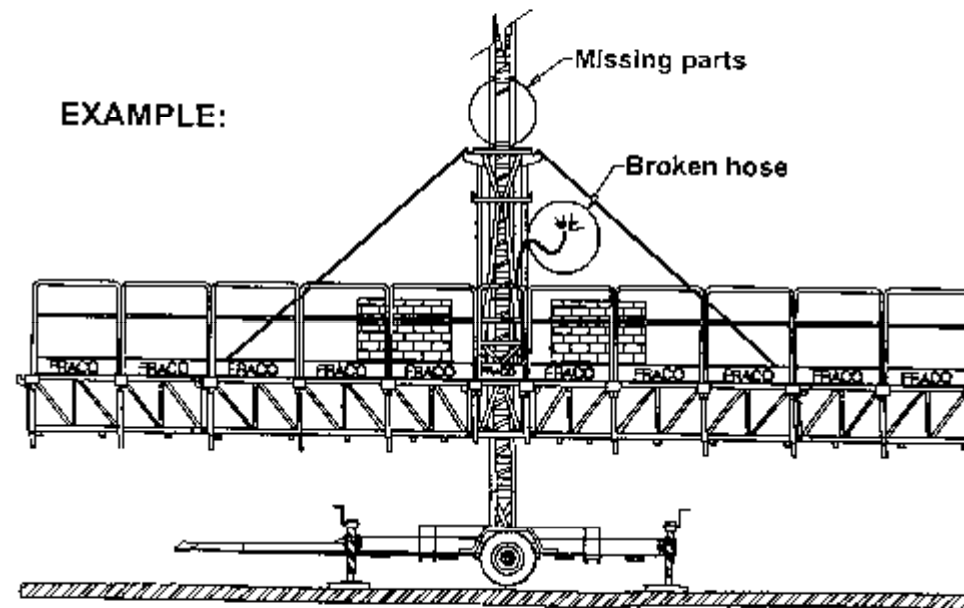


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## SAFETY HAZARD

### ♦ *DAMAGED EQUIPMENT*

EXAMPLE:



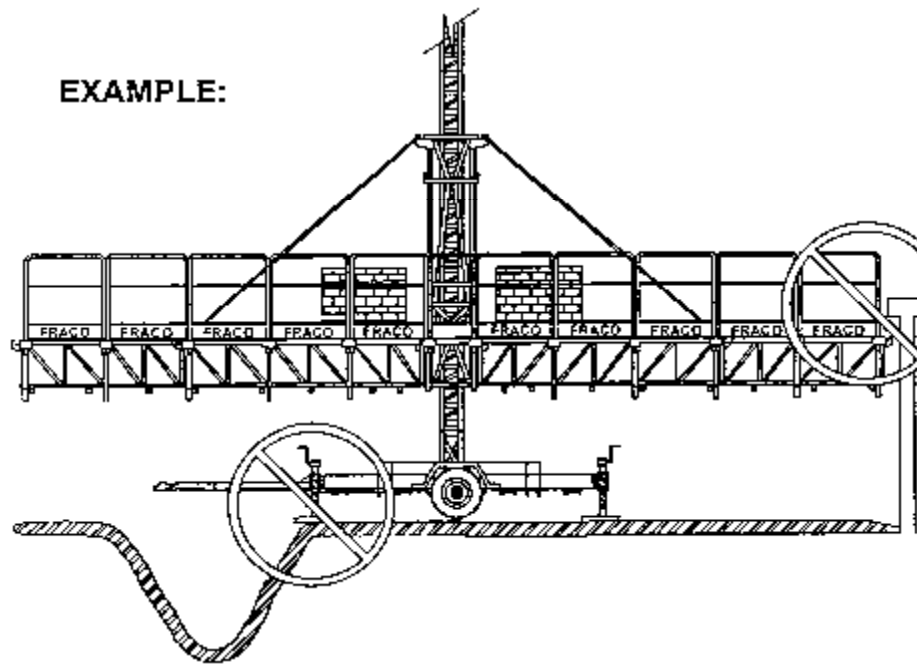
Do not operate a machine that is damaged or malfunctioning. Discontinue operations until the unit is repaired. Do not alter or modify the platform in any way. Unit modification may change load capacity, free-standing height, and tie frequency. Mechanical, hydraulic or electrical alterations may adversely affect the performance of this machine.

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## TIP OVER HAZARDS

- ♦ *DROP-OFFS, HOLES, TRENCHES, FLOOR CUT OUTS, OPEN ELEVATOR SHAFTS OR LOADING DOCKS.*

**EXAMPLE:**

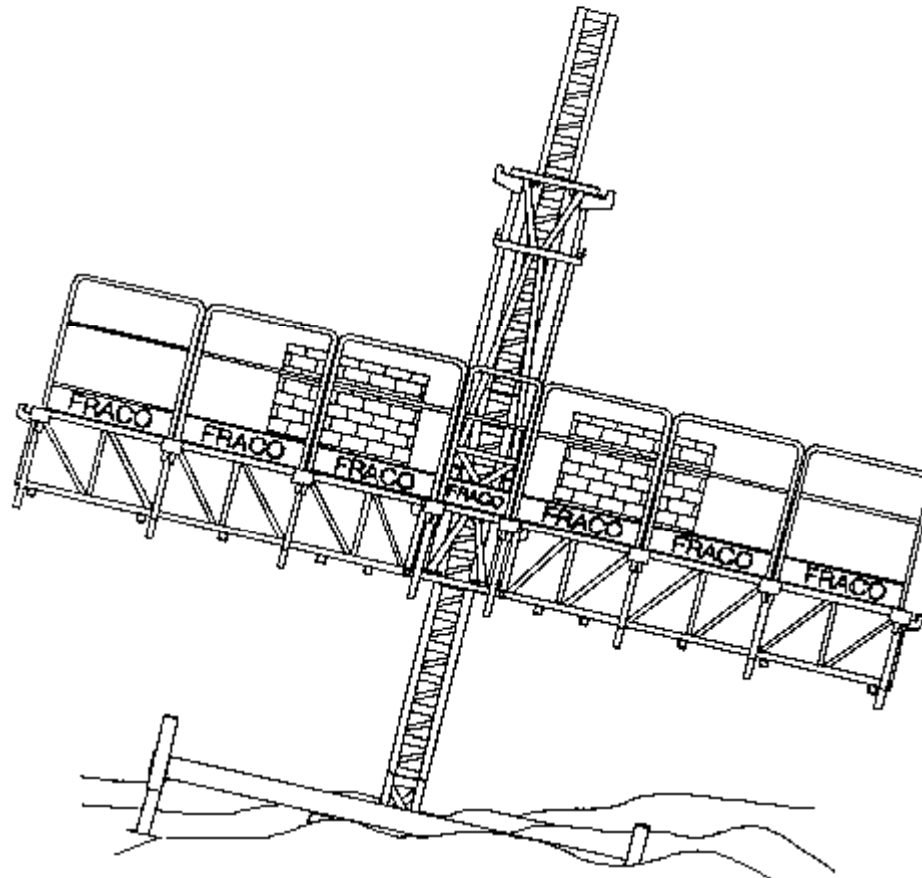


Watch out for such tip over hazards. Do not self-propelled work platforms near any pote tip-over hazard.

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## Tip over hazards

- ♦ *Uneven or inclined surfaces*



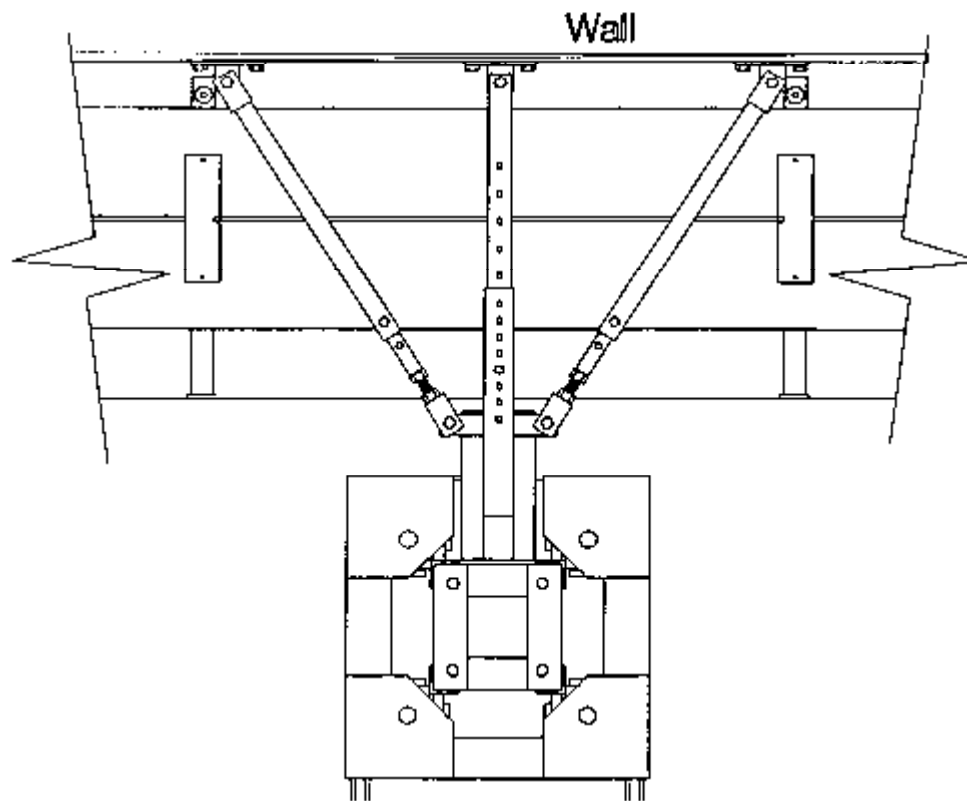
*Apply ground surface modification when necessary.*

Do not install a work-platform on an uneven or sloping surface unless outriggers have been used for platform support. The ground surface must be sufficiently levelled as to support the load.



## TIP OVER HAZARDS

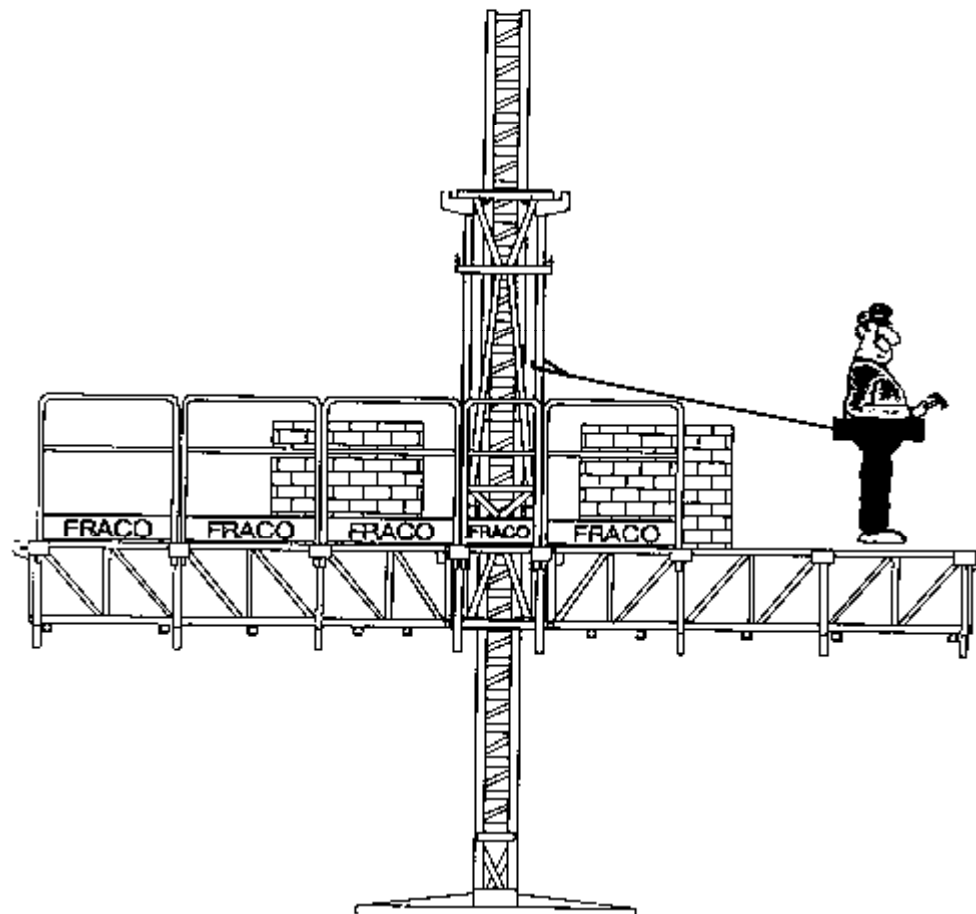
### ♦ *TIE ASSEMBLY*



Make sure the mast-climbing work platform is properly tied to the building, (or structure) as recommended by the manufacturer, unless it is designed to be free-standing.

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## FALL HAZARDS

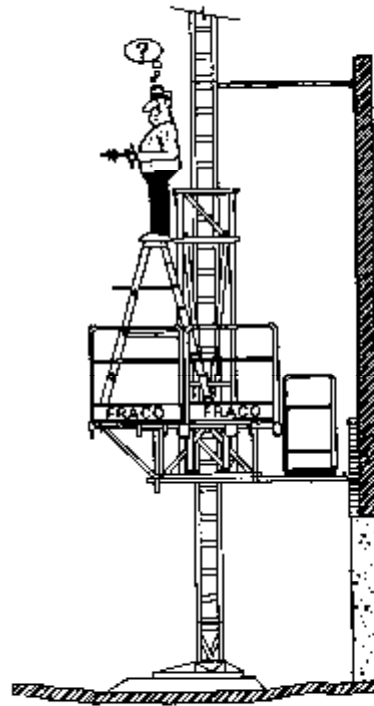


Fall protection devices such as harnesses shall be used if any section of the guardrail system has been removed on an exposed side of the platform.

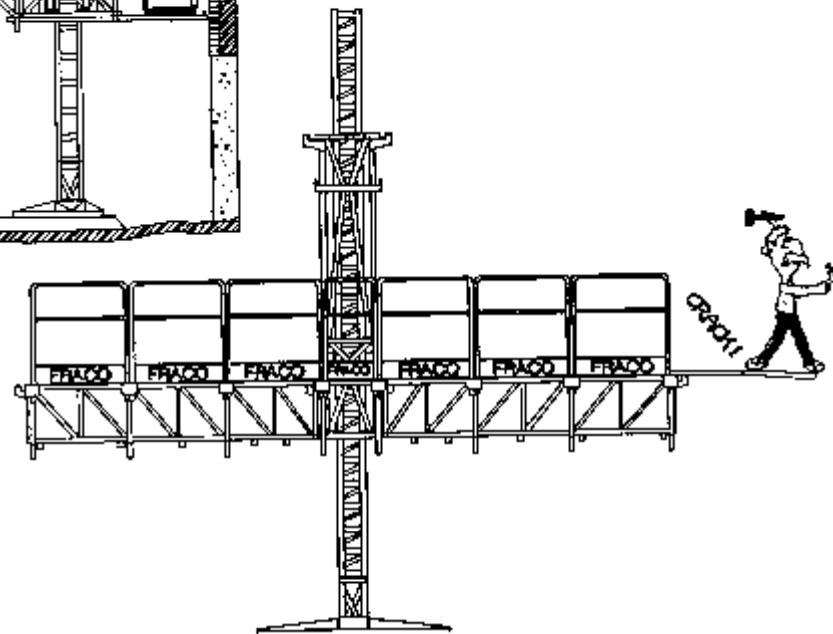
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FALL HAZARDS

♦ *PLATFORM EXTENSIONS*



Do not use a ladder or stand on the platform railings in order to get higher.

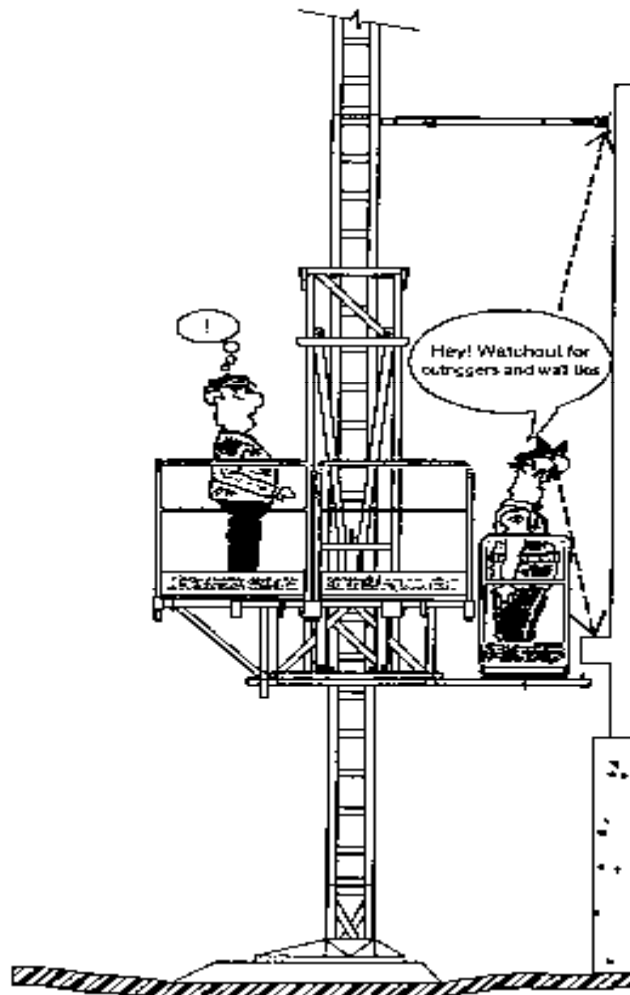


Do not climb the guard-rails, use ladders or any other kinds of devices in order to increase your working reach on the extension platform.



## **SAFETY HAZARD**

### ♦ *LOOK WHERE YOU ARE GOING*

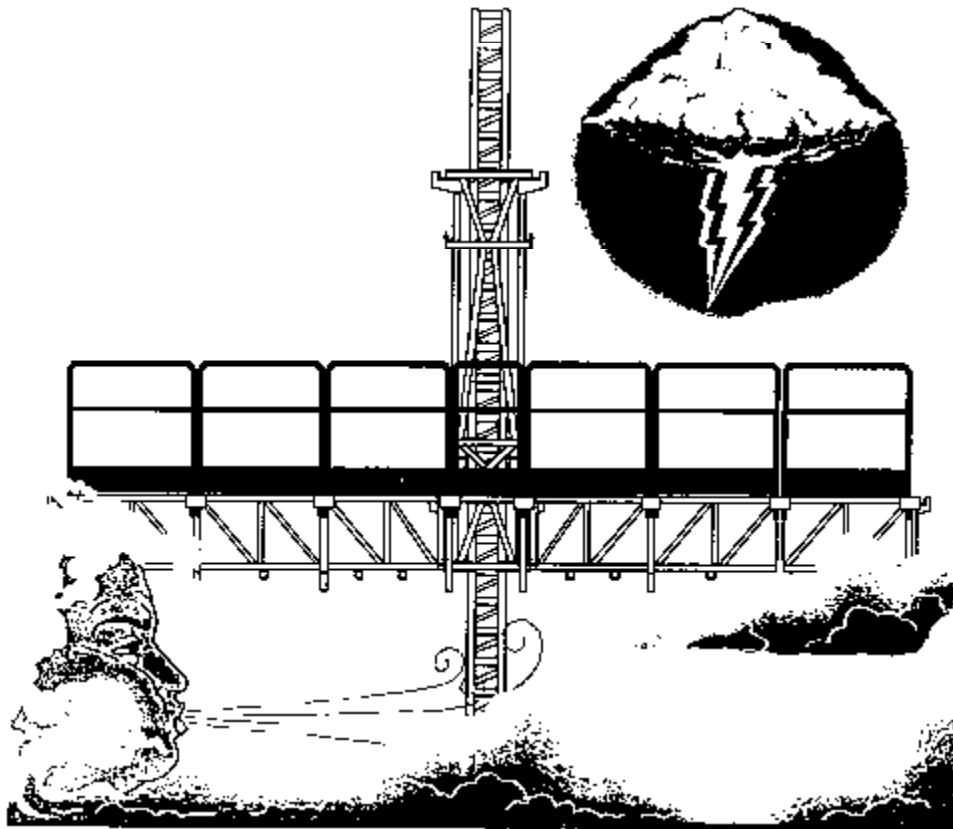


When raising and lowering the platform, make sure you have spotted any obstacles that are in the way. Platform contact with buildings, balconies, roofs, overhangs, trees, overhead power lines and personnel must be avoided at all costs.

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## SAFETY HAZARDS

### ♦ *WINDY OR GUSTY CONDITIONS*



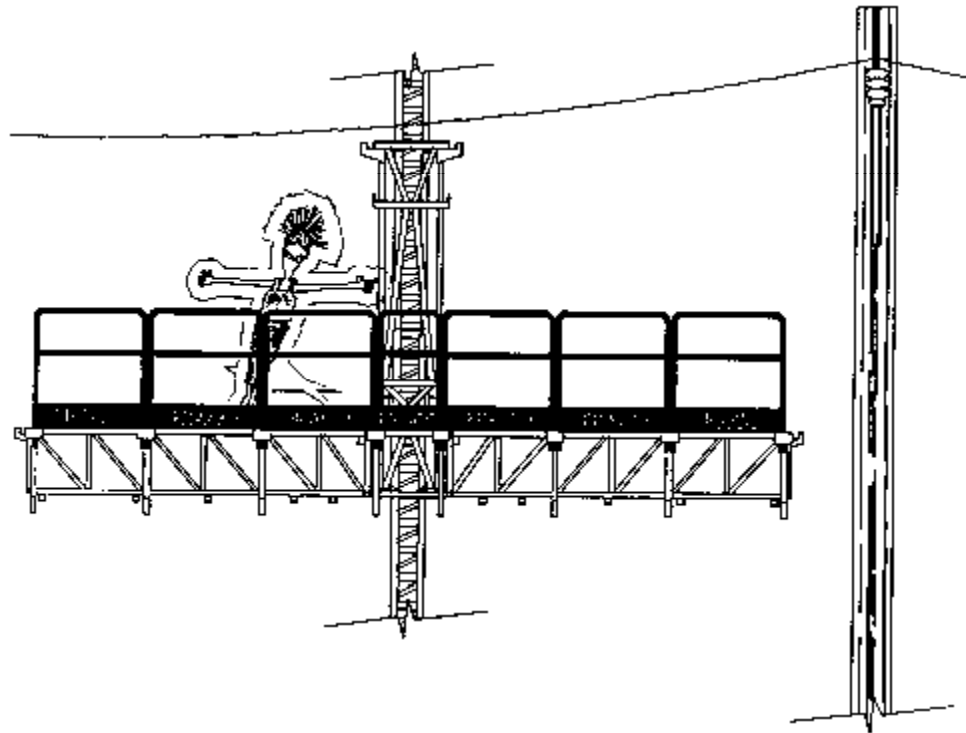
Do not raise the platform in these kinds of conditions. Consult the operation manual to find out the maximal wind speed in which the platform may be raised safely. In case of electric thunderstorm, leave the platform.

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## SAFETY HAZARDS

### ♦ *CLEARANCE*

The worker may receive an electric shock if the unit comes into contact with electrical conductors.



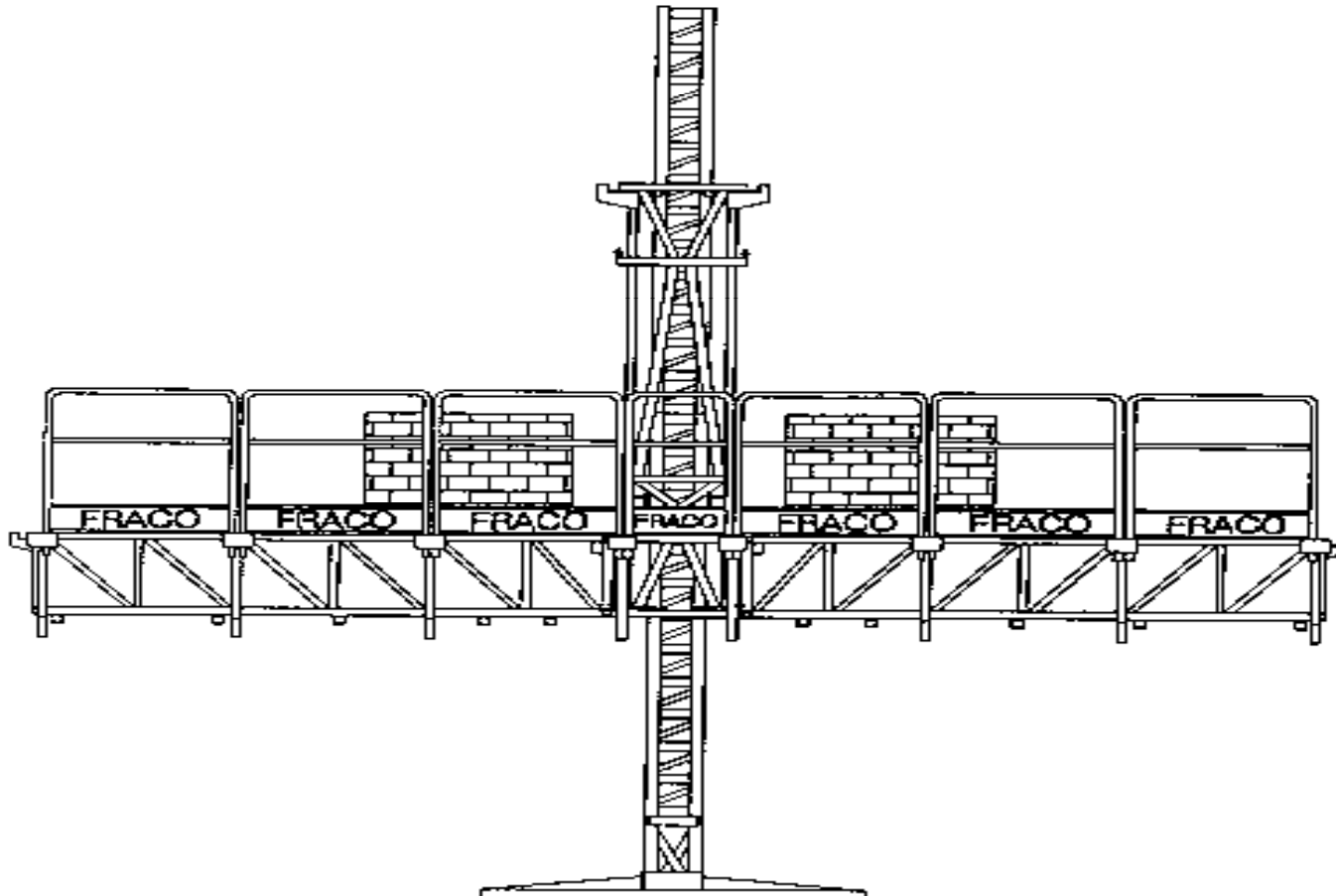
The work platform must be kept at a safe distance from power lines at all times (this distance depends on line voltage). Consult your manual or your local electricity company for minimum safe approach distances. Remember to allow for extra room since the platform and wires may move. Keep in mind that travel cords, ropes, hoses, water, etc., may conduct electricity. Be careful around electrical conductors!



- Facts -

♦ *SAFETY POINTS*

It is about time for your hands-on training to begin. First lets review the safety points discussed so far.



It is important to train workers on the same platform model or one with similar characteristics and controls as the one he/she will be operating in the future. Also, the learner must be trained by a qualified instructor in a hazard-free area. Finally, the trainee must be able to demonstrate his/her knowledge related to the operation of the work platform being used.



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**Daily inspection sheet**

Unit Number:

Serial Number:

<u>Item to check</u>	<u>Checked</u>	<u>To correct</u>
Level of the base and rigidity of walls ties	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Gas and oils : level and leaking	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Warning panel	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Bolt and lock missing	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Planks and plank ties	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Condition of plywood	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Guard-rail system	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Cleanliness of the platform	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Weight and weight distribution on the platform	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Safety equipment (regarding the local law)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Operating of the platform (all irregularity)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Functioning of the safety system	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Items specified by the manufacturer	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Actions taken :

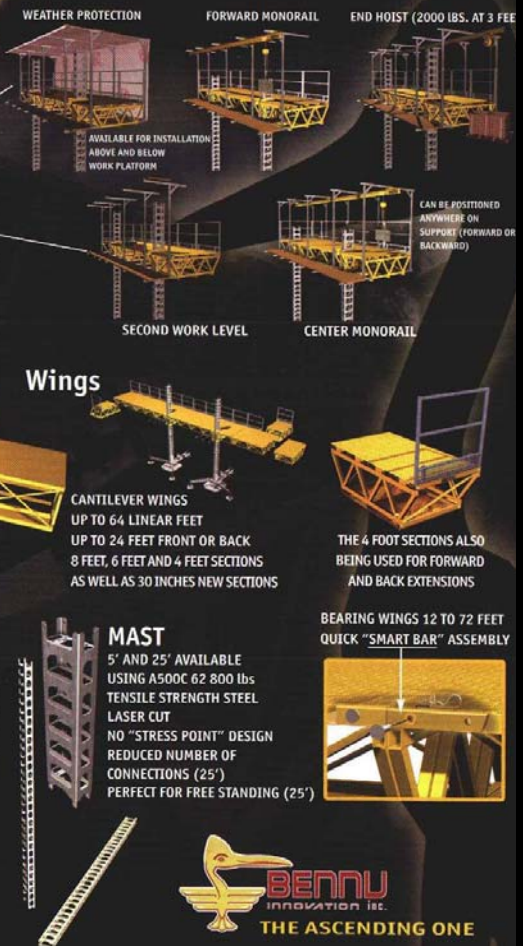
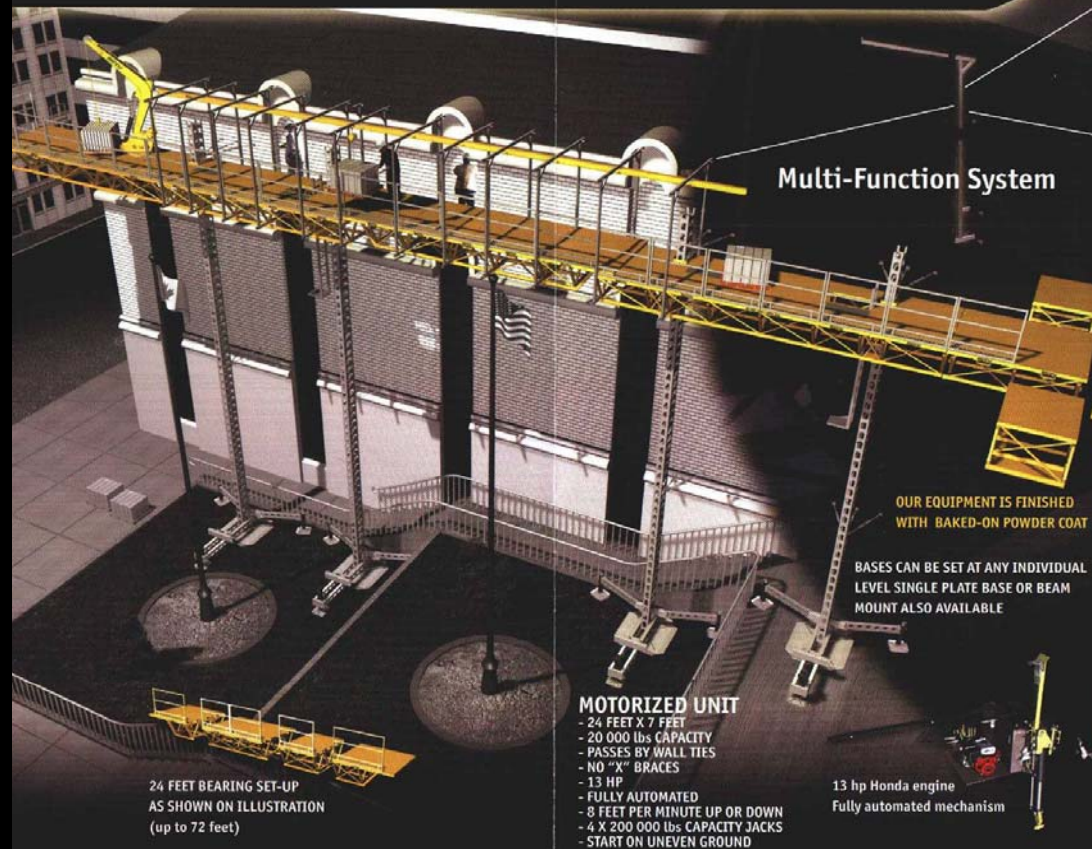
Inspector:

Name (printed)

Signature

*Correct all malfunctions, problem identification, and further inspection if necessary before continued use. Detail inspections of this mast climbing work platform shall be performed every three (3) months of service as specified under section 6 of ANSI/SIA A 92.9*

# THE BENNU MAST CLIMBER



Many Different Manufacturers

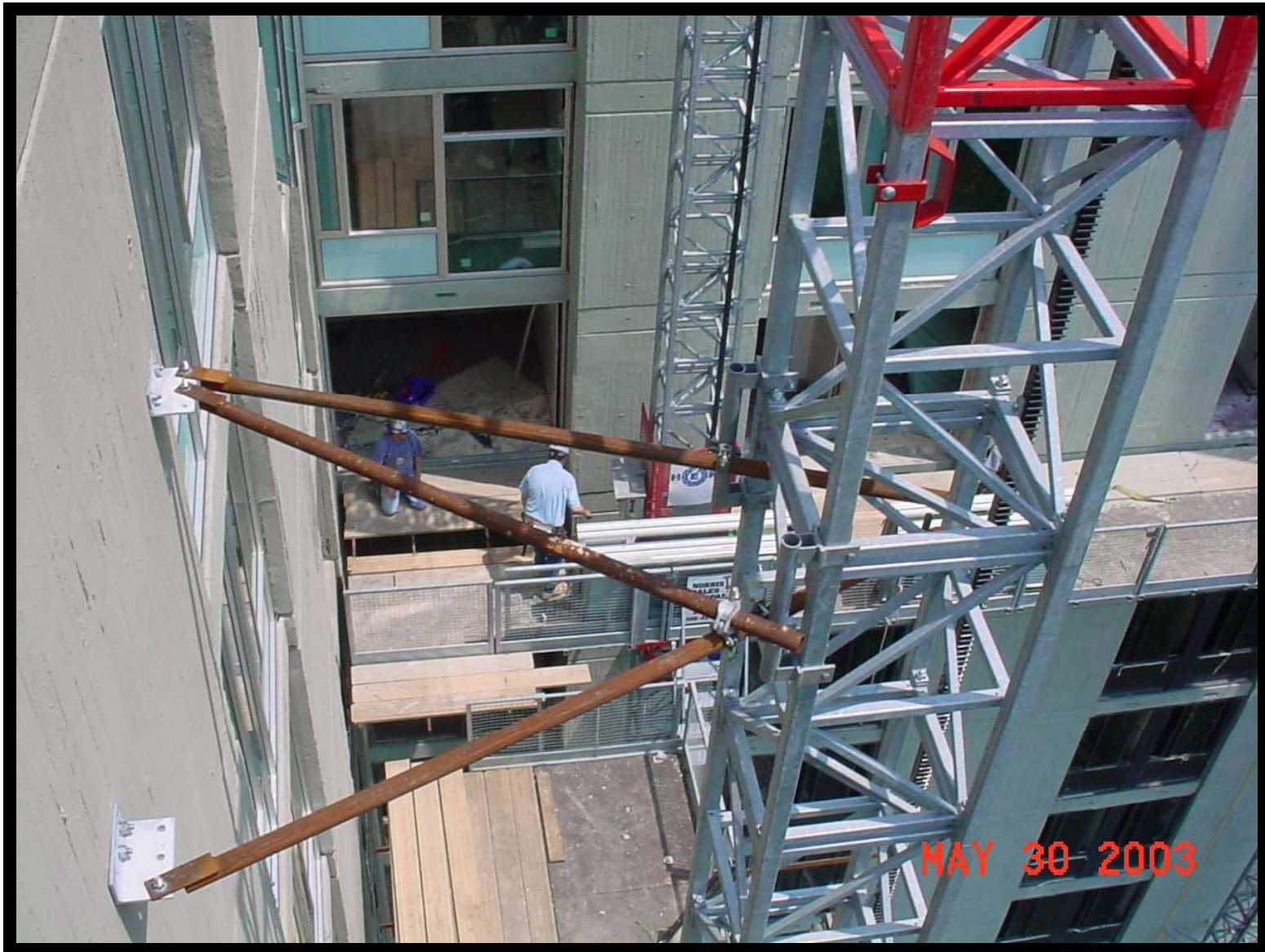






**Case Study of 1st Accident**





**Employees' Work Area**



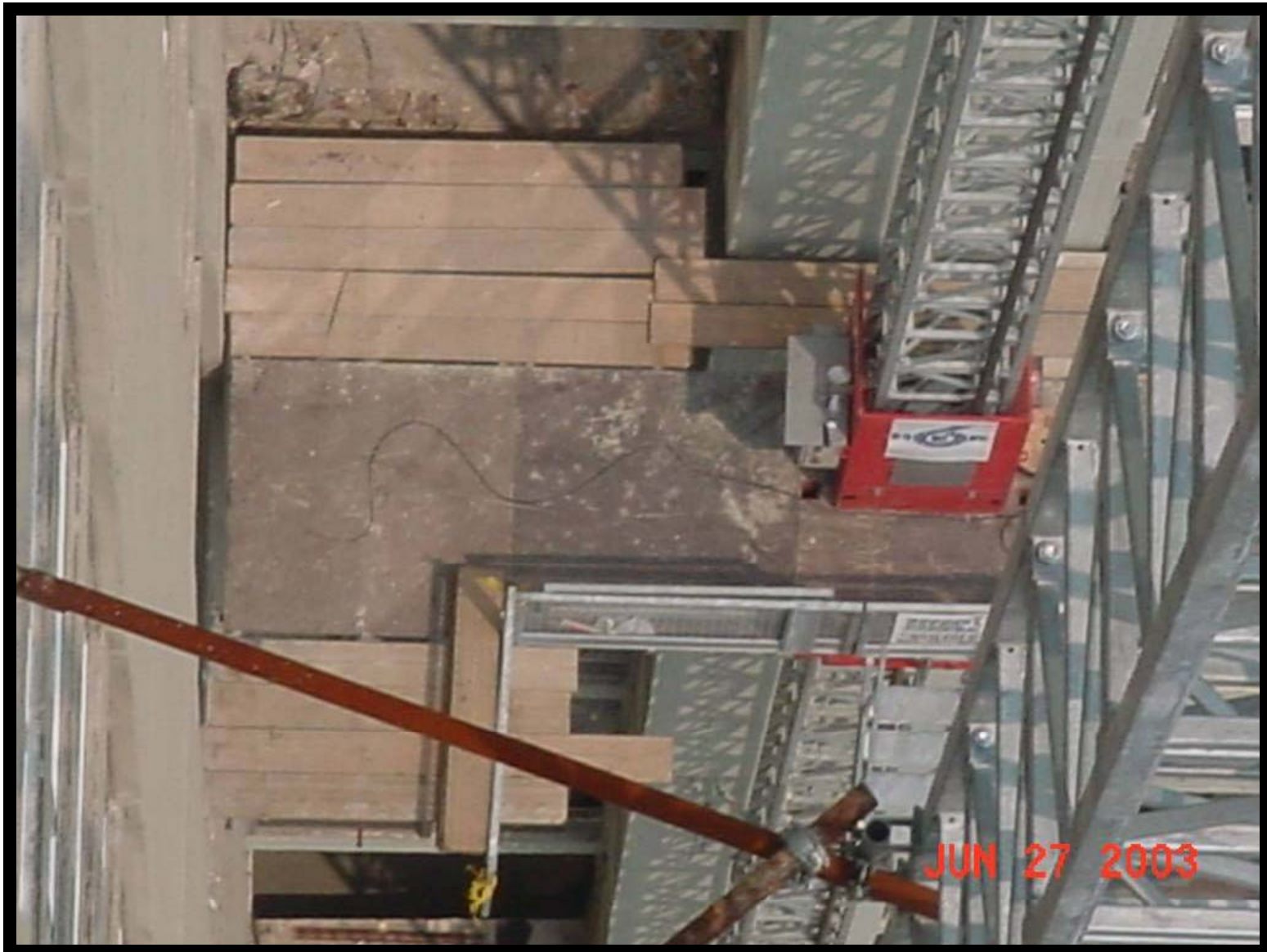


**View Looking Outside**



**Adjacent Scaffold Was Lowered**



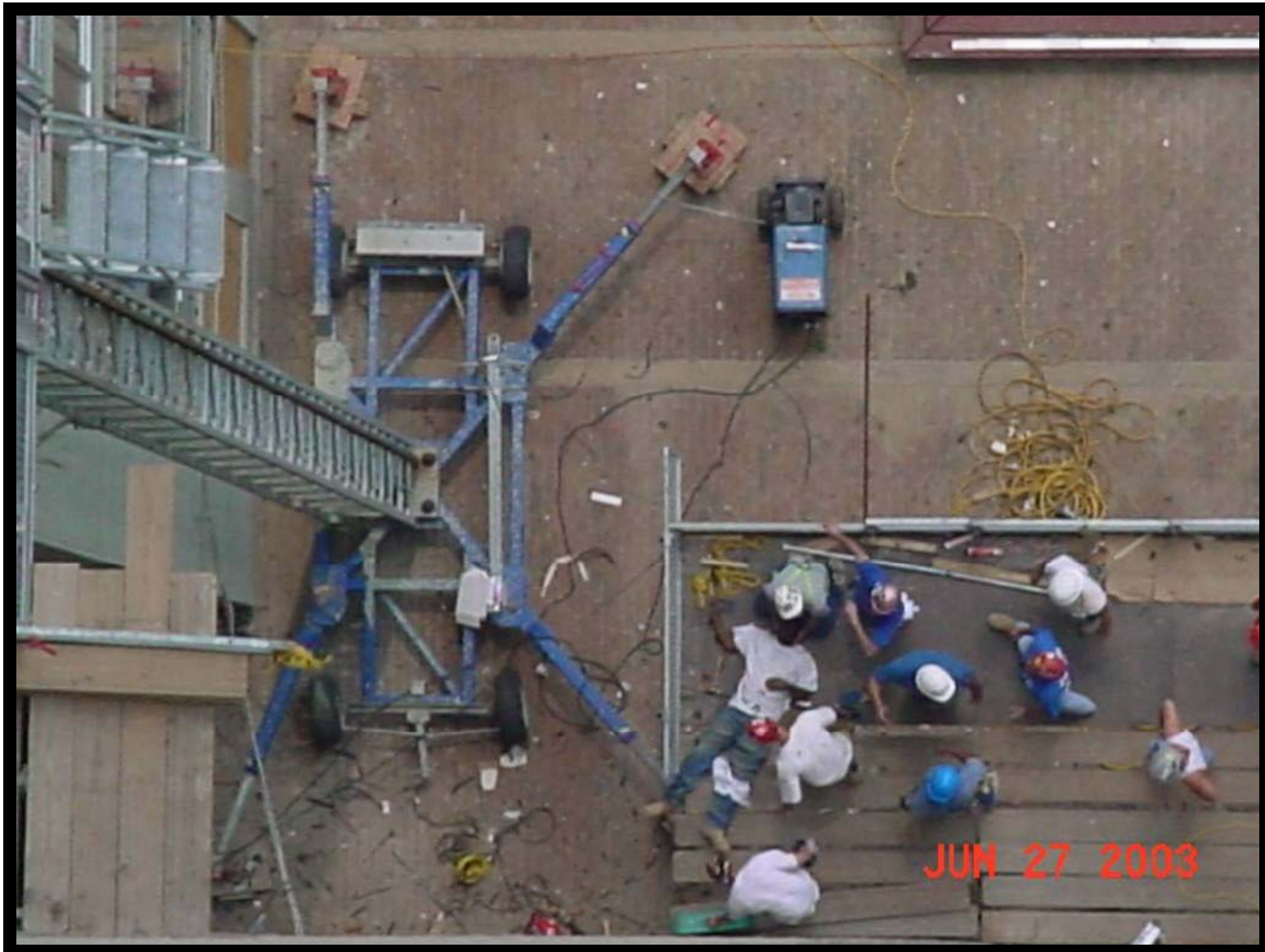


**Looking Down into Work Area**

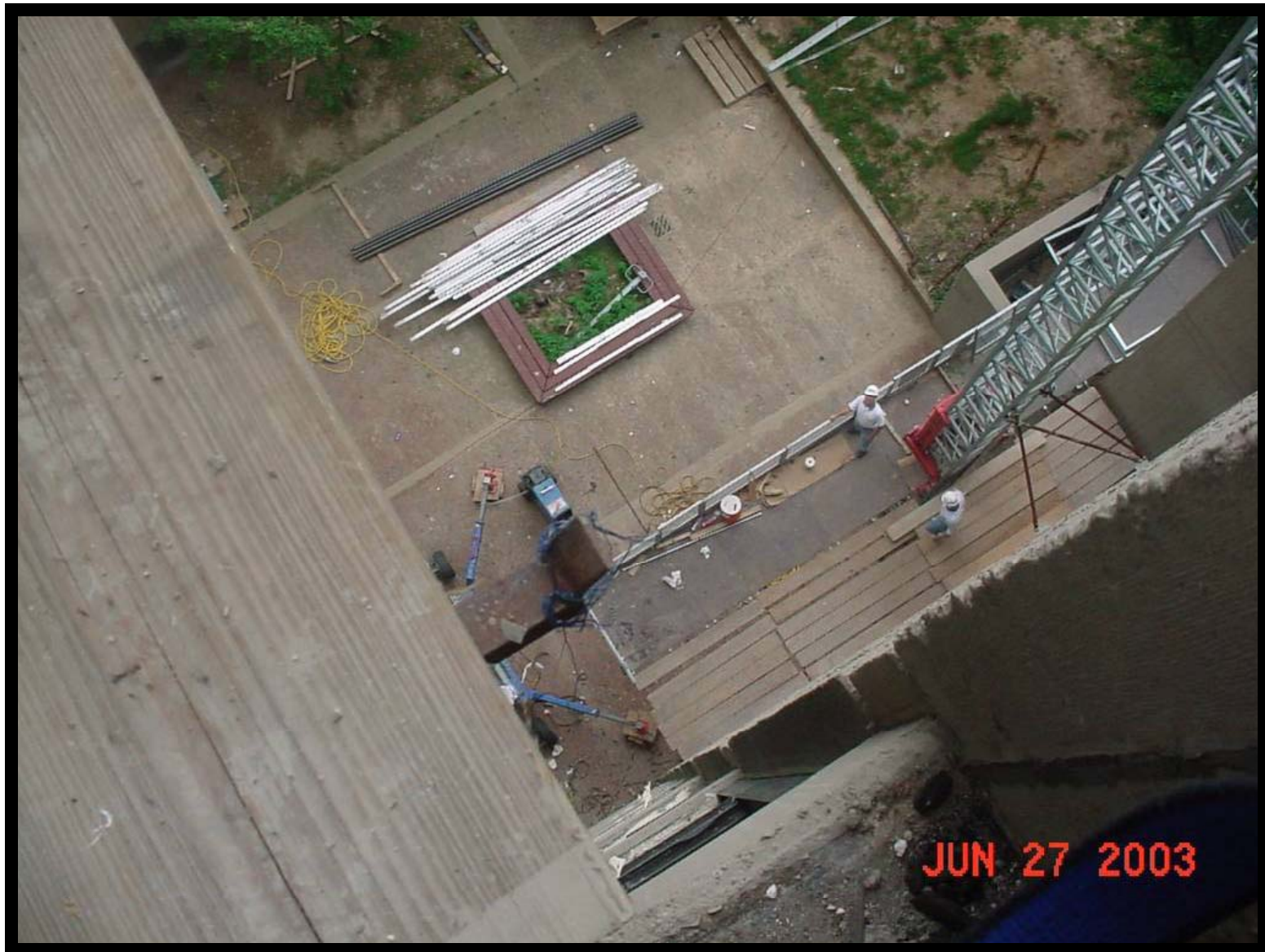


**Planking from Which the Worker Fell**





**Landed on Lowered Scaffolding**



**View from Above**





**Area of Fall**



**Other Hazards at Site, Notice Opening at Mast**





**No PPE Being Utilized!**





**Adequate Anchorage Point?**





**Another Scaffold Was Moved**



**Inadequate Platform Planking**





**Open Area *Not* Protected**



**Employee Sightseeing?**



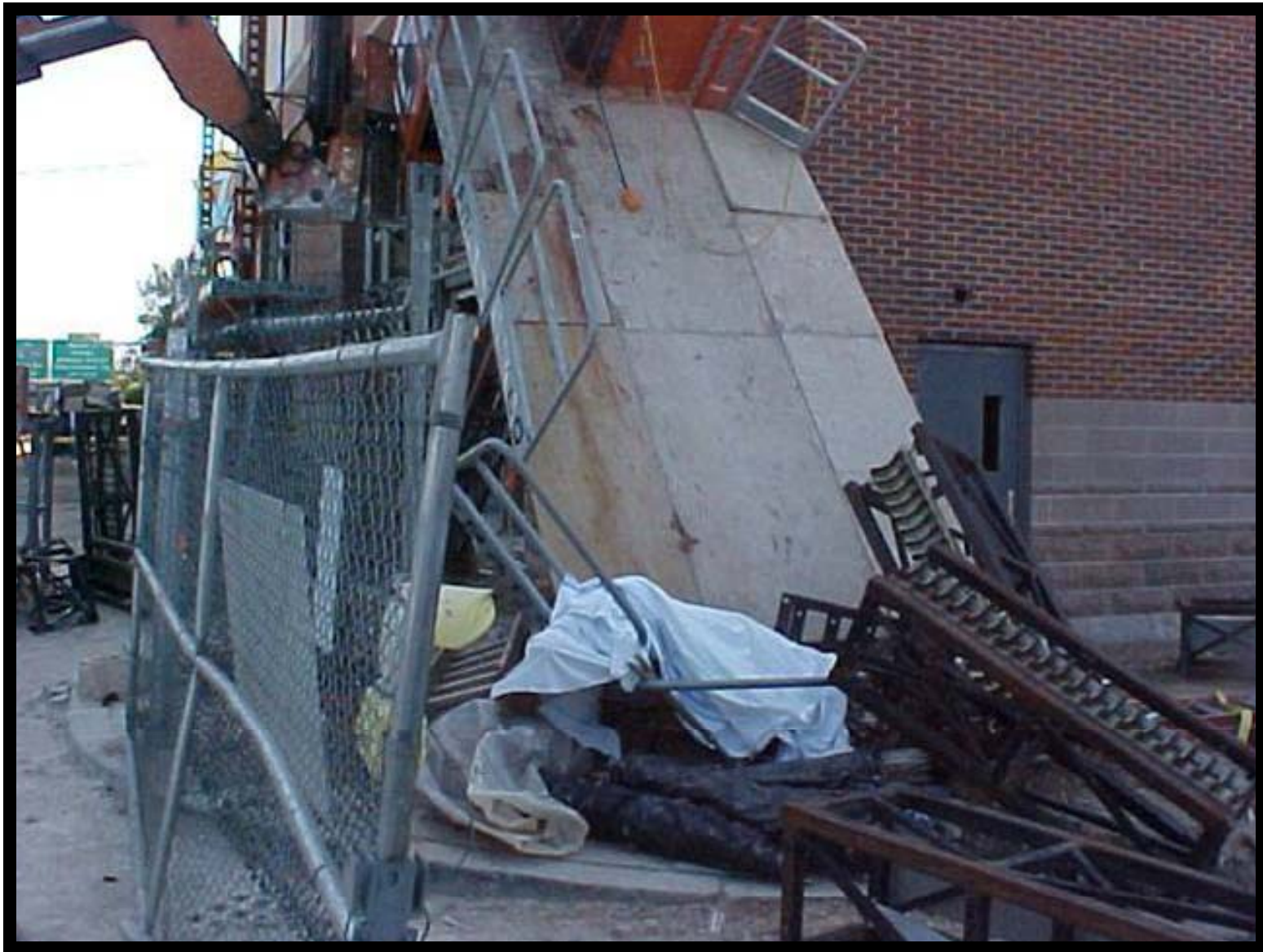


**Case Study of 2<sup>nd</sup> Accident**





**Workers Dismantling Mast Scaffolding**



**Platform Tips Over**





**Employee Crushed by Mast Section**





**Emergency Responders in Action**



**Could Not Save Him**





**Components on the Ground**





**Media at Accident Location**





**Interviewing Site Managers**



**325 Lb. Mast Section**





**Lull Supporting Platform**



**Building Front View**





**Mast Is Not Bent**





**Two Mast Scaffolds in Use**



**Base Section at Mast**





**Base Still Attached**





**Lower and Last Tie In Removed**



**Sections Removed Prior to Accident**

# SUMMARY

- Mast Scaffolding can only be operated by properly trained and authorized personnel.
- Employees must be trained on the specific type and model they are using.
- There are different levels of training for operation, erection, modification & dismantlement and maintenance