



What FACE is ...

- **FACE** stands for Fatality Assessment and Control Evaluation. FACE is one of many health and safety programs of the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services.
- FACE is funded by NIOSH (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health) to study work-related fatal injuries in **New Jersey**.
- FACE is a **research project** that collects information on the factors that lead to fatal injuries in the workplace.
- FACE is about **prevention**. Through their *Investigation Reports* FACE informs employers and workers to make them aware of commonly occurring hazardous operations and work practices as well as how to prevent injuries.
- FACE is about **education**. The FACE Project publishes *Hazard Alert Bulletins* to help employers and workers improve safety on the job.



What FACE is not ...

- FACE is **not OSHA** (Occupational Safety and Health Administration). FACE does not check to see if the employer is in compliance with OSHA standards.
- FACE is **not** interested in “who was to blame,” but rather in “what went wrong,” and how similar incidents can be prevented in the future.
- FACE **does not** use names of the deceased, coworkers, employers, or incident site owners in their reports and publications.



An electrician was killed when the scissor lift he was standing on tipped over. The indoor lift was being used outdoors on an uneven surface, causing it to fall. The victim was thrown into the water.

What Does FACE Need from the Employer?

Employers provide critical information regarding the events that led to the death of the worker. They also make it possible for FACE staff to visit the incident site, photograph the area, and talk with witnesses.

What Is the Reason for a Site Visit?

A site visit is essential to directly observe and photograph the area where the fatality took place. It helps FACE staff better understand the series of events that led to the fatal injury so that recommendations for preventing similar incidents can be developed.

Why Does FACE Take Pictures at the Work Site?

Pictures are used to educate others about what happened and how to prevent something similar from happening at their work site. They are taken in such a way that the company's identity is not revealed.

How Will Information Collected by FACE be Used?

The information collected is used to identify causes and detect common patterns of fatal injuries in New Jersey. More importantly, it is used to find solutions and promote safe working practices for workers and their employers.

After each site visit, FACE staff prepare a *FACE Investigation Report* with recommendations for preventing similar occupational injuries. This report is distributed to the employer, site owner, labor unions, trade associations, safety organizations, universities, and private companies interested in workplace safety. The family of the deceased is also given the opportunity to request a copy of the report.

New Jersey FACE data are combined with other state and national data systems for analysis. However, only statistics that do not identify companies or individuals are released.

FACE Hazard Alert Bulletins and *FACE Investigation Reports* are available on the Internet. (see back of brochure for details)

Who Can I Contact for Additional Information?

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Your cooperation and assistance in increasing the safety of workers and making the FACE Project a success are greatly appreciated.



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FATALITY
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about?



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