

## Officials investigating fatal Alabama construction accident

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How many of us kissed our loved ones goodbye today on their or on our ways to work? We say goodbye, and most of never expect that work will be deadly for ourselves or loved ones and that we won't see each other again. Sadly, deadly work accidents do happen, often in the construction field.

This morning, an Alabama construction worker lost his life to a serious accident that occurred at his worksite. The [construction accident](#) reportedly occurred around 8 a.m., which means it is still very early in the investigation into the incident and the worker's death.

According to Alabama reports, the accident victim was working on a project related to the construction of a medical facility for women when he was fatally injured. The 54-year-old construction worker was working in an elevator shaft, when one of two elevators within the shaft landed on top of and killed him.

As we have mentioned and will continue to stress in the future on this blog, when workplace accidents occur, killing and injuring workers, it is of utmost importance for an investigation into safety standards to take place. In the matter of this morning's construction accident, some in the public are wondering how it's possible that the second elevator was functioning while the worker was under it, in a dangerous spot. Shouldn't it have been turned off?

It is very early to assume any facts in the case. An investigation into the deadly incident must determine whether proper safety standards were being followed at the time of the accident. Answers to some of those tough questions will aid in supporting a family's potential wrongful death case, but answers will also help create a safer work environment for other workers.

### Source

Al.com: "[Authorities identify construction accident victim](#)," Carol Robinson, Sep. 21, 2011