FATAL FACTS

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Fatal Facts

1) In this packet you will find a brief description of an accident involving an Elevator Constructor.
2) The scenario is recreated in part from an OSHA report.
3) The photo is not a part of the OSHA report but is intended to give a visual representation of the location of the accident.
4) Separate the class into groups of 4-8 people. It's recommended that one company representative sits and participates with each group.
5) Write in YOUR Individual Recommendation and Prevention, then you will have a class discussion about the individual recommendations. After the class discussion, you will Research your Company Safety Policy and fill in the Company Recommendations and Preventions followed by a discussion about the company policy and procedure.

6) DO NOT WRITE YOUR NAME ANYWHERE IN THIS BOOKLET

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Fatal Fact #27

Brief Description of Accident: (Per the OSHA report)

A mechanic was performing maintenance and servicing on the elevator system of a residential property. He was working on top of the elevator car as it was on the first floor. He was unscrewing the electrical panel when he dropped his screwdriver, which fell to the bottom of the elevator shaft. He went downstairs to the basement to retrieve his screwdriver. He entered the elevator shaft when the door closed behind him, locking him inside. Approximately 10 to 15 minutes later, the homeowner heard the mechanic scream as the elevator car descended on top of him. He was crushed and killed; his body was found on the left front side of the elevator shaft, near the door leading to the basement. The coroner listed the cause of death as compressional asphyxia. None of the energy sources for the elevator system were locked or tagged out. The door from the basement to the elevator shaft was a conventional door.

Not Actual Photo



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Your Recommendations and Preventions:

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Research Company Safety Polices related to this incident.

Company Recommendations and Preventions:

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