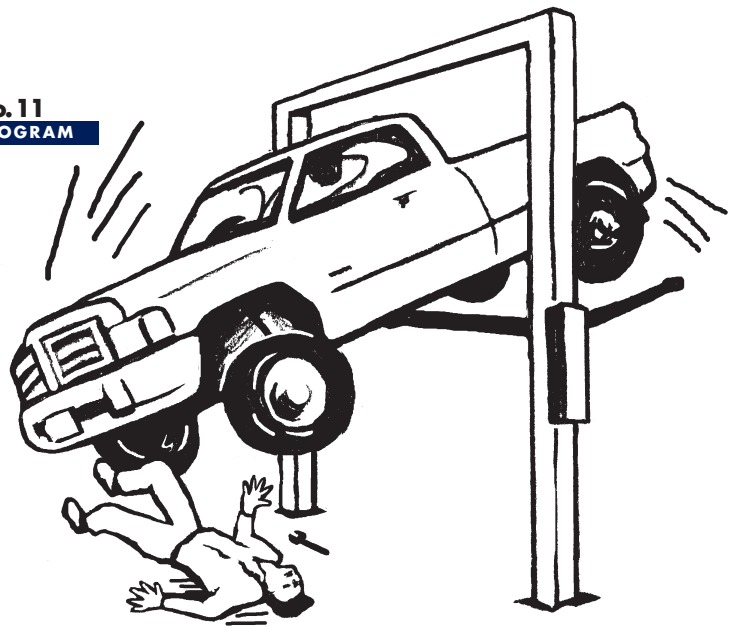


# MECHANIC KILLED!

## TRUCK FALLS OFF LIFT



In a recent incident, a 46-year-old mechanic, Ernesto M.\*, died when a truck he was repairing fell off a lift. The truck was too long, and the arms of the lift did not reach the proper lift points. Ernesto's employer did not have safety or training programs.

### WHAT WENT WRONG?

The wrong type of lift was used.

There was no safety program to make sure workers used lifts correctly.

### WHAT SHOULD BE DONE?

Only use lifts that can support a vehicle at the points designated by the vehicle manufacturer.

Employers must have an Illness and Injury Prevention Program (IIPP) to make sure workers are fully trained and follow safe work practices.

The California Fatality Assessment and Control Evaluation (FACE) program has been investigating work-related deaths since 1992. The goal of the FACE program is to prevent these deaths by informing workers and managers of worksite hazards and how to avoid them.

For complete fatality reports of this case (03CA010), or other cases, and additional information on the California FACE program, please contact:

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\* Not the victim's real name

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**FACE stands for "Fatality Assessment and Control Evaluation."** The purpose of the **FACE** program is to identify hazards that may cause work-related deaths so that employers and employees can help prevent them. **FACE** is a program run by the Occupational Health Branch within the California Department of Public Health, and funded by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

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