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A South Carolina chemical plant worker who entered a large dryer to help an unconscious colleague died from lack of oxygen.

Officials say 27-year-old Ronald J. Altman was killed and two other workers were injured at 3-V Incorporated. The company makes chemicals used in plastic, textile and paper industries.

A spokesman for the U. S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board says the 3-V incident is similar to an incident where two workers died at a Delaware refinery in 2005.

An invisible hazard, oxygen deficiency is quickly fatal. Make sure you get the training you need to stay safe in a workplace with atmospheric hazards.

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