Company Fined for Child Labor Violation Concerning Teen’s Death

A Georgia construction company has been fined $53,162 for violating child labor laws, after a 15-year-old worker fell to his death at a construction site in November 2008.

Luis Montoya, 15, of Lawrenceville, GA, who was not old enough to be performing the type of work he was doing, was tossing debris from the third floor to the ground floor when he lost his balance and fell 40 feet through an empty escalator shaft.

Georgia law mandates a minimum age of 16 for employment in the construction industry.