



Man killed in Helena work accident identified

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A Helena man was killed at his place of work late Tuesday morning after being struck in the head while **sandblasting**.

Lewis & Clark County Coroner Mickey Nelson said that Keith J. Carlson, age 24, was pronounced dead at 12:12 at St. Peter's Emergency Room.

Emergency crews responded to the YESCO sign shop at about 11:30 am.

First responders reported the man was knocked unconscious and had a faint pulse.

Nelson said that Carlson was **sandblasting floor grates** using rented equipment, when a filler lid became dislodged under pressure and struck him in the head.

Nelson said Carlson died a short time later of traumatic head injury.

The Occupational Safety Health Administration will conduct an investigation of the work-related accident.

Nelson said that initial indications are that the accident appears to be operator error.

He said Carlson was not married and had worked at the company for several years.