



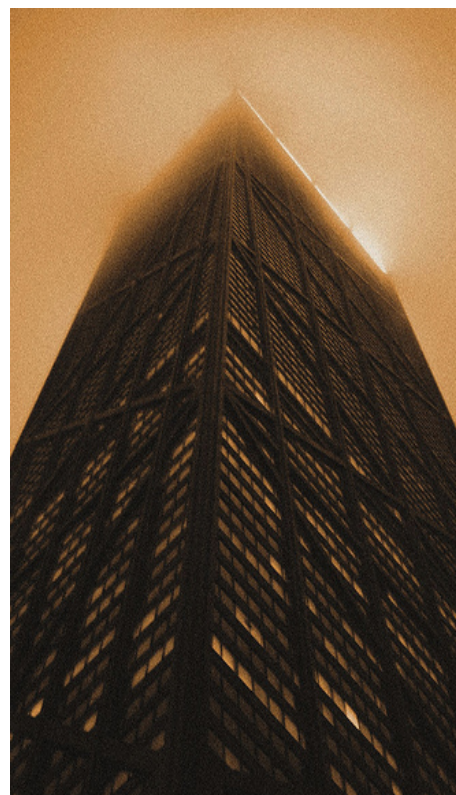
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ILLINOIS CONSTRUCTION HORROR STORIES: JOHN HANCOCK TOWER

In March 2002, three female pedestrians were killed and seven others injured when a 100 foot long scaffold fell from the 42nd story of the John Hancock Tower. The incident may have been avoided if the operator had done a better job of securing the scaffold.

Illinois had a law called the Structural Work Act that was designed prevent this type of accident, but it was repealed in 1995.



Construction safety standards are not only good for workers but all Illinoisans.

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