Plumbing Safety Fatality File



One man is dead following an explosion at a construction site on the premises of a Boynton Beach condominium. Reports detail that the victim in the incident, John Thomas Dillon IV, was working in a large hole in the ground when the explosion occurred this past Friday.

Working with heavy machinery or in a skilled trade such as plumbing, construction, or electrical is inherently dangerous for even the most experienced workers.

Mr. Dillion was working with a plumbing team to clear a pipe blockage. Reports have surfaced that it was an exploding air bag that killed Mr. Dillon. Air bags are devices are that used to plug a pipe so that the pipe can be worked on, repaired, patched, or replaced.

Air bags are under pressure, so when they do fail, it can result in an extremely dangerous explosion, shattering pipes creating projectiles out of nearby objects. Mr. Dillon was killed by either the explosion itself, or by debris that became projected by the force of the explosion.

As to whatever may have caused the air bag to fail, it could be any number of factors. The air bag may have been deficient, or there may have been a mistake in properly deploying the device.