

The List of Cell Tower Fires/Falls/Collapse

Fires

- Cell phone tower near Virginia Heritage High School catches fire----- Now it is leaning over.
<http://wtkr.com/2015/06/16/cell-phone-tower-near-heritage-high-school-catches-fire/>
- School Football Field Cell phone tower catches fire in Grandview, Ohio.
- <http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2014/07/15/0715-grandview-cellphone-tower-fire.html>
- Sept 13, 2014 Cell tower fire at Thurston High sends up smoky plume.
- <http://www.kval.com/news/local/Cell-tower-fire-near-Thurston-High-sends-up-smoky-plume-275018241.html>
- Cell tower at Risk of Falling after Fire Atlanta Georgia.
- <http://www.wsbtv.com/videos/news/emergency-crews-worry-cell-tower-may-fall-after/vFQDs/>
- Pennsylvania Fire results in Collapse Fears: Collapse Zone created at base and they vacated the buildings:
<http://www.nbcphiladelphia.com/news/breaking/Cell-Phone-Tower-Fire-Collapse-Bucks-County-212501221.html>
- Cell tower fire closes Rockbridge Road, evacuates day care.
<http://www.gwinnettdaily.com/news/2011/dec/02/fire-closes-rockbridge-road/>
- New Jersey Cell Tower Fire:
http://www.nj.com/monmouth/index.ssf/2013/05/cell_tower_fire_knocks_out_main_middletown_police_communications.html
- Explosion near cell tower likely caused by propane leak, Iowa
- <http://www.lemarssentinel.com/story/1641878.html>
- Cell phone tower to be taken down following fire, Georgia
- <http://www.ajc.com/news/news/local/cell-phone-tower-to-be-taken-down-following-fire/nQPC6/>
- Cell phone tower catches fire near U.S. 95 Las Vegas,
<http://www.fox5vegas.com/story/20959950/cell-phone-tower-catches-fire-near-us-95>
- Maryland Cell Tower Destroyed by Fire

- <http://www.firehouse.com/news/10500668/maryland-cell-tower-destroyed-by-fire>
- [Cell tower catches fire, nearby buildings evacuated, San Bernardino County, California](http://www.dailybulletin.com/20110113/cell-tower-catches-fire-nearby-buildings-evacuated)
- <http://www.dailybulletin.com/20110113/cell-tower-catches-fire-nearby-buildings-evacuated>
- [Kansas City Cell Tower Fire closes Interstate 435](https://screen.yahoo.com/raw-video-cell-tower-fire-213100571.html)
- <https://screen.yahoo.com/raw-video-cell-tower-fire-213100571.html>
- [Osprey nest, electrical problem sparked Poulsbo cell tower fire Washington State](http://www.northkitsapheald.com/news/124300644.html)
- <http://www.northkitsapheald.com/news/124300644.html>

Cell Tower Collapse

- [A cell tower, damaged by fire, has been taken down after it hung precariously over Highway 305. Washington State.](http://www.kitsapsun.com/news/2011/jun/20/highway-305-blocked-after-cell-phone-tower-starts/)
<http://www.kitsapsun.com/news/2011/jun/20/highway-305-blocked-after-cell-phone-tower-starts/>
- [OSHA Investigating Fatal Cell Tower Collapse in Harrison County West Virginia 2014:](http://www.wvnstv.com/story/24608973/osha-investigating-fatal-cell-tower-collapse-in-harrison-county)<http://www.wvnstv.com/story/24608973/osha-investigating-fatal-cell-tower-collapse-in-harrison-county>
- [Names released in fatal cell tower collapse.](http://www.wvva.com/story/24611430/2014/02/02/a-wva-cell-tower)
<http://www.wvva.com/story/24611430/2014/02/02/a-wva-cell-tower>
- [Burning Cell Tower at Risk of Falling in Seminole County, Oregon](http://www.news965.com/news/news/local/cell-phone-tower-burning-could-fall/nZYBg/)
<http://www.news965.com/news/news/local/cell-phone-tower-burning-could-fall/nZYBg/>
- [Oswego, New York Cellular Tower Crushes Chief's Vehicle](http://www.firehouse.com/news/10530195/oswego-new-york-cellular-tower-crushes-chiefs-vehicle)
<http://www.firehouse.com/news/10530195/oswego-new-york-cellular-tower-crushes-chiefs-vehicle>
- [Tower collapse: Heavy wind and rain blamed for downing 'major communications' equipment in Berkshires, knocking out police, fire radio service, Massachusetts](http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2014/03/heavy_wind_and_rain_causes_collapse.html)
http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2014/03/heavy_wind_and_rain_causes_collapse.html
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Worker Deaths and Accidents:

- [Cell Tower Climber Falls 153 Feet, Dies on Impact, Minnesota](http://www.northlandsnewscenter.com/home/Cell-Tower-Climber-Falls-153-Dies-on-Impact-160464075.html)
- <http://www.northlandsnewscenter.com/home/Cell-Tower-Climber-Falls-153-Dies-on-Impact-160464075.html>
- [Tulsa Fire Department Rescues Worker From Top Of Cell Phone Tower](http://wnow.worldnow.com/story/23301861/tulsa-fire-department-rescues-worker-from-top-of-cell-phone-tower)
- <http://wnow.worldnow.com/story/23301861/tulsa-fire-department-rescues-worker-from-top-of-cell-phone-tower>
- [Worker who fell 65 feet from cell tower dies: Arizona:](http://azstarnet.com/news/local/crime/worker-who-fell-feet-from-cell-tower-dies/article_c0932089-a4e0-5c14-9ce4-bb2cd8be86c1.html)
- http://azstarnet.com/news/local/crime/worker-who-fell-feet-from-cell-tower-dies/article_c0932089-a4e0-5c14-9ce4-bb2cd8be86c1.html
- [Worker hurt in 80-ft. fall from cell tower in Marcy New York.](http://www.syracuse.com/news/index.ssf/2011/12/worker_hurt_in_80-ft_fall_from.html)
- http://www.syracuse.com/news/index.ssf/2011/12/worker_hurt_in_80-ft_fall_from.html
- [Cell phone towers collapse in West Virginia, killing 3](http://www.foxnews.com/us/2014/02/02/cell-phone-towers-collapse-in-west-virginia-killing-3/)
- <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2014/02/02/cell-phone-towers-collapse-in-west-virginia-killing-3/>
- [A Deadly Surge in Tower Climber Accidents](http://projects.propublica.org/graphics/cell-tower-accidents)
- <http://projects.propublica.org/graphics/cell-tower-accidents>
- [Fatal bandwidth: 6 cell tower deaths in 5 weeks: Indiana, Nebraska, Georgia.](http://fortune.com/2008/05/28/fatal-bandwidth-6-cell-tower-deaths-in-5-weeks/)
- <http://fortune.com/2008/05/28/fatal-bandwidth-6-cell-tower-deaths-in-5-weeks/>
- [Burleson fire dept. rescues man from cell tower, Texas](http://www.wfaa.com/news/local/Burleson-fire-dept-rescues-man-from-cell-tower-126770898.html)
- <http://www.wfaa.com/news/local/Burleson-fire-dept-rescues-man-from-cell-tower-126770898.html>
- [Gaithersburg Maryland: Trapped Worker is rescued after freezing.](http://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/Crews-Work-to-Rescue-Man-From-Cell-Phone-Tower-188069201.html)
- <http://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/Crews-Work-to-Rescue-Man-From-Cell-Phone-Tower-188069201.html>
- [Texas: Six Hour Rescue for Tower Worker](http://www.statter911.com/2011/08/05/more-than-six-hour-rescue-to-get-man-from-760-foot-level-of-tower-firefighters-in-burleson-texas-tell-their-story/)
- <http://www.statter911.com/2011/08/05/more-than-six-hour-rescue-to-get-man-from-760-foot-level-of-tower-firefighters-in-burleson-texas-tell-their-story/>
- [Spokane fire department rescues dangling cell tower worker, Spokane Washington.](http://www.komonews.com/news/local/Fire-department-rescues-dangling-cell-tower-worker-184691911.html)
- <http://www.komonews.com/news/local/Fire-department-rescues-dangling-cell-tower-worker-184691911.html>
- [Worker rescued after hanging from Charlotte cell phone tower, Charlotte,](http://www.wtvm.com/story/25218063/man-trapped-at-top-of-cell-tower-in-east-charlotte)
- <http://www.wtvm.com/story/25218063/man-trapped-at-top-of-cell-tower-in-east-charlotte>

Criminal Activity

- **Two men accused of stealing copper from seven Scotland County cell towers**
http://www.fayobserver.com/crime/article_84105af4-cc01-5b8b-9a54-d4b502c7c402.html?mode=jqm
- **2014: Copper thefts on the rise: “Since Jan. 1 in Olathe, KS, alone there have been five reports of cell phone tower break-ins and thefts. Sources say the damage being done to the towers is in the hundreds of thousands of dollars. The copper is part of the grounding component and without it, if there's a lightning strike, it could fry all the electronics inside and make the tower useless. That means an entire area could be left without service.**
<http://www.kctv5.com/story/24790956/authorities-make-200000-bust-in-cell-phone-tower-thefts>
- **Copper ground wire and a copper bus breaker were stolen from the AT&T cell tower on Coolspring Church Road**
<http://www.sharonherald.com/policefirecourts/x1450995057/Police-Fire-for-March-25-2012>
- **Busbars stolen from Centreville MD cell phone tower June 2014**
- http://www.myeasternshoremd.com/news/queen_annes_county/article_d47bb777-6d9b-592d-b0b0-7cd7669bc9fc.html
- **Arrests made for alleged cell tower diesel fuel thefts in Anne Arundel County**
- <http://www.wjla.com/articles/2013/09/robert-murphy-daniel-padgett-arrested-for-alleged-diesel-fuel-thefts-in-anne-arundel-county-93692.html#ixzz3EYFr3gev>
- **Copper stolen from cell tower in Millington MD : Six copper electrical connectors**
- http://www.stardem.com/news/local_news/article_02d3b6e2-61d2-56eb-b52c-4ac85a7440f7.html
- **MD State Police 10/2013 to 12/2013, the Easton Barrack was contacted regarding the theft of copper-rich batteries from several cell tower locations in Dorchester County.**
<https://www.mdsp.org/Organization/FieldOperationsBureau/Barracks/BarrackIEaston/MPACTINCAROLINEDORCHESTERTALBOTCOUNTIES.aspx>

Falling Ice

- [Tower Ice Falling Video](#)
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aqy32tzTRkA>
- [Giant Icicles Fall From Sky, Smash Cars](#)
<http://www.theblaze.com/stories/2011/01/12/giant-icicles-fall-from-sky-smash-cars/>
- [FALLING ICE FROM TOWER](#) <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eJ9hNELFWp4>

Falling Debris

- [Feb 13, 2012 El Paso Texas, Decorative Frond Falls From Palm Tree Cell Phone Tower, slices through man's car.](#)
<http://www.kvia.com/video/Decorative-Frond-Falls-From-Palm-Tree-Cell-Phone-Tower-slices-through-man-s-car/17445784>
- [St. Peters residents raise safety concerns about new cell phone tower: Debris coming in every storm.](#)
<http://www.kmov.com/news/st-charles-county-news/St-Peters-residents-raise-safety-concerns-about-new-cell-phone-tower-246722471.html>
- [2/20/2014 Crescenta CAAT&T Withdraws Cell Tower Application: Debris fall off cell tower onto residence.](#)
<http://www.crescentvalleyweekly.com/news/02/20/2014/att-withdraws-cell-tower-application/>

Other Concerning Situations:

- [Suicidal person talked down from Tower: Florida](#)
<http://www.theledger.com/article/20100805/news/8055093>
- [Teen Talked Down From Cell Tower](#)
<http://www.nbcchicago.com/news/local/Suburban-Teen-Rescued-From-Cell-Tower-265033731.html>
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