



Preventing Falls From Rooftops

In construction, falls from higher levels result in more deaths and injuries than any other cause. Many of these accidents are falls from rooftops.

Here is an Example

Two carpenters started working on a garage roof that was about 10 feet above the ground. One of the workers slipped and nearly slid off the edge of the rooftop. He was wearing a body harness attached to a lifeline, however, which stopped the fall.

1. **What is the purpose of a lifeline?**
2. **Do you know anyone who has fallen off a rooftop? What happened?**

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- Fall protection is **REQUIRED** for anyone working on roofs or other work areas where the distance to the ground or another surface is more than 6 feet.
- Roofing slide guards are not fall protection.
- If the fall arrest equipment looks like it needs repair, remove it from service and have a competent person examine it.
- Permanent anchorages can be installed during roofing operations and left in place after construction is complete. They must support 5,000 pounds for each employee attached by lanyard or lifeline.

What Are We Going to Do Today?

What will we do here at the worksite today to prevent falls from roof tops?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

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