



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.

Bill's Story

Bill and another roofer started working on a garage roof that was about 10 feet above the ground. Suddenly, Bill 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.

- ✘ What is the purpose of a lifeline?
- ✘ Do you know anyone who has fallen off a rooftop? If so, what happened?

Remember This

- Fall protection is **required** for anyone working on roofs or other areas where the distance to the ground or another surface is more than 6 feet.
- Roofing slide guards are **not** fall protection.
- Always inspect your fall arrest equipment for damage.
- If the fall arrest equipment looks like it needs repair, remove it from service and have an expert examine it.
- Ask your supervisor about adding permanent anchorages during roofing operations.
- Permanent anchorages must support 5,000 pounds for each person attached to them by a lanyard or a lifeline.



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