



FACTS about

FALLS

... and what **YOU** can
do to stop them.

ROOFS

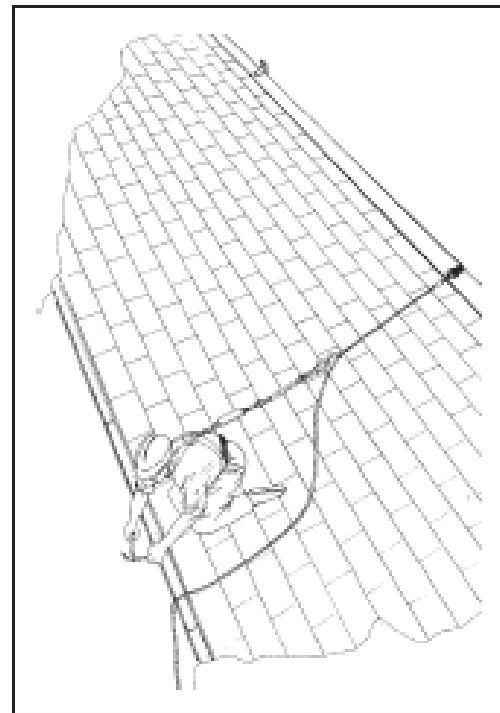
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Facts

- You face the second highest risk of falling when you work on a sloped roof or near the edge of a flat roof.
- Falls are most common at residential low-rise and commercial projects.
- There are fall protection solutions for working on roofs, but they're not used often enough.
- Complying with the regulations and current good practices would prevent most, if not all, fall injuries from roofs. There is some inherent risk of falling while installing or removing fall protection systems on roofs, but there's only been one case of such a fall.

Here's what to do

- Always use a fall-arrest or travel-restraint system.
- Use rooftop anchorage systems. They're available.
- If you can't install rooftop anchorage, rig a lifeline over the roof to a temporary anchor on the other side of the building.
- Ladders should extend 3 feet above the landing area on the roof, and they should be secured against slipping.
- Use edge protection along the eaves to prevent tools or material from sliding off the roof. While edge protection doesn't qualify as a guardrail, it may make the life-saving difference when things go wrong.
- Use properly-constructed scaffolding when doing chimney maintenance or repairs.
- Use barriers on flat roofs to keep workers from walking backwards towards the edge.
- Cover skylights or other openings securely, or protect them with guardrails.



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