

## Best Practices for Roofing Jobs

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*When choosing a contractor for work on your property, look for them to be using the proper safety equipment and be sure they provide a copy of their contractor insurance certificates.*

*Choosing a contractor that has both of these "best practices" in place before they bid your job can save you time, money and considerable aggravation.*

## Background and Business Issue

Special Trades Trust members are consistently looking for ways to improve their services. **Michael Snyder Contracting**, in Ithaca, New York was looking for ways to improve worker safety while reducing hazard exposures for his *customers* as well. Snyder decided to work closely with our Loss Prevention Team to develop a sound and practical approach.

## Actions Taken

Both Loss Prevention and the contractor worked to implement **safety pre-planning** as a tool used for each phase of the construction process. By assessing potential risks and planning ahead to implement the best practical safety measures for each job – Snyder now has positioned his company to stand out amongst roofing contractors. Reviewing OSHA 1926.501, Interpretations/Clarifications and Instruction STD 3.1 rules was helpful.

## Getting Results

Insisting that safety be a *standard operating procedure* (SOP) and taking the time to assess hazards and develop practical safety solutions has resulted in considerable time savings for Snyder. Spending the time up front to reduce down time, accidents and injuries on the job allows the company added time to deliver a value-added high quality product. This is very important to the consumer.

Anticipating potential issues far ahead of time, Snyder has improved efficiency and provided more time for typical contract work adjustments that might occur during the reconstruction process. Better control of job costs can result in lower consumer costs as well.

Safety Equipment can include Roof Slides with Roof Jacks to prevent falls, personal fall protection harness and lanyards, helmets and protective eyewear. Some of this equipment is pictured here.



**Roof Slides with Roof Jacks help to Prevent Falls**

Worker Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is a key element of a safe work environment to enhance the safety pre-planning process.



**Maintaining an orderly jobsite is a "Best Practice"**

Michael Snyder is dedicated to delivering quality work and making sure it happens by keeping workers safe and providing the necessary safety equipment.

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