

WEEKLY SAFETY MEETING

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ROOFING WORK

Whether you're the person climbing a ladder with a square of asphalt shingles on your shoulder, a worker swabbing hot tar across a flat roof, or a carpenter nailing down plywood sheets on rafters, you need to think about working safely. The roofing profession has a distinct set of hazards. Let's discuss some of them.

Whenever you work on a roof:

- ❖ Watch for low-hanging electrical lines.
- ❖ Keep an eye out for roof openings and skylights.
- ❖ Look out for tripping hazards like vents, standpipes, scrap material, or loose shingles.
- ❖ On existing roofs, be aware of the possibility of rotten sheathing, rafters, and joists.
- ❖ You will be exposed to direct sunlight, so make sure you protect yourself from sunburn.
- ❖ Protect yourself from extreme temperatures and be ready for strong winds.
- ❖ Finally, the most obvious danger is the risk of falling.

Because falls result in so many injuries and deaths each year, we'll spend a little extra time on this hazard. OSHA splits fall protection for roofing work into two sections: high-slope roofs and low-slope roofs. Everyone working on high-slope roofs with unprotected sides and edges that are six feet or more above lower levels must be protected from falling by guardrail systems, safety net systems, or personal fall arrest systems. If you are working on a low-slope roof, you must use one of the systems mentioned for high-slope work or a warning line system and safety monitoring system. A special exception is made for roofs that are 50-feet or less in width; in these situations the use of a safety monitoring system alone is permitted. More information on fall protection can be found in OSHA's regulations in Subpart M starting at 1926.500.

In many respects your safety and well-being are in your own hands. We've talked about some of the dangers involved in roofing work. Now you need to watch out for those and other hazards as you work. Pay attention to what you are doing and where you are walking. Take the time to be safe and do your job the right way.

SAFETY REMINDER

**Floor, roof, and skylight openings must be guarded
so that a person cannot walk into the opening.**

Special Topics For Your Project _____

Employee Safety Recommendations _____

Reviewed MSDS # _____ Subject _____

Meeting Attended By _____

Supervisor's Signature _____