



# 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.

## How can we stay safe today?

What will we do at the worksite to prevent falls from rooftops?

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