

**If you are having work done on your roof, ask your contractor to play it safe.**

**Safety Pays. Falls Cost.**

**Ask the contractor a few simple questions before you sign the contract:**

- Are you licensed?
- Do you have workers' compensation insurance? (Ask to see a copy of the insurance certificate.)
- Do your workers work directly for your company? (If they are "independent contractors," they are not covered by workers' compensation.)
- Will your workers be using fall protection (lifelines, guardrails) while on the roof?

***If the prospective contractor answers "No" to any of these questions, look for another contractor.***

You don't want to take the risk that a serious incident could happen on your property. Falls are the leading cause of death among construction workers, and falls from rooftops are the most common type of fall. Even years of experience does not negate the need for safety equipment.

**Every year about 100 construction workers are killed in falls from roofs. About 1,300 are seriously injured.**

**In most cases, the workers who fell from the roof were not using adequate fall protection.**



*Stone patio where a 17-year-old summer laborer fell to her death from the roof.*



**Asking a few questions can save someone's life!**

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