FATAL HAZARD

- Conduct pre-job assessment and plan each stage of the job
- Follow practices for adequate bracing and restraint
- Eliminate or minimize fall hazards by assembling sections on the ground or using scaffolds
- Train workers on safe practices.
So here are some ways we can prevent something like this from happening where we work.

- Conduct pre-job assessment so we can plan each stage to reduce potential injuries and comply with manufacturer’s recommendations.
- Review and follow practices for adequate bracing and restraints for truss installation. “Guide to good practice for handling, installing, restraining & bracing of metal plate connected wood trusses,” developed by Structural Building Components Association shows where to locate temporary lateral restraints and diagonal bracing.
- Eliminate or minimize fall hazards by assembling sections on the ground and using bracket scaffolds. “Fall Protection: Safe practices for setting and bracing wood trusses and rafters,” an OSHA publication provides examples.
- Train workers on safe practices of their tasks.

ASK: “Does anyone have more ideas or comments to share?”
Pause for discussion. Then see if there are ways to take action.

END WITH ACTION PLAN (ideas for what to ask or say).

- “Are there any circumstances where we assign workers tasks without providing training on safe practices?”
- “Does anyone have ideas for assuring that we follow manufacturer’s instructions?”
- “What can we do today to minimize or eliminate fall hazards.
- Express your commitment to training people for their assigned task.
- Commit to follow-up at the next safety talk.