



**Safety Pays. Falls Cost.**

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**Having work done  
on your roof?**

**Ask your contractor  
to play it safe.**

**It only takes a few simple questions...**



Site where a 45-year-old Massachusetts carpenter fell to his death from the roof of a two-story single-family home under construction, 2012.



Asking a few questions can save someone's life!

## Did you know?

- Every year, nationwide, about 100 construction workers are killed in falls from roofs and around 1,300 are seriously injured.
- Here in Massachusetts, 44 of the 78 construction worker deaths from 2007-2011 were due to falls.
- In most cases, the workers who fell from roofs were not using adequate fall protection.



## Ask the contractor a few simple questions before you sign a 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, such as lifelines or guardrails, while on the roof?

If the prospective contractor answers "No" to any of these questions, look for another contractor. There's a chance you could share in liability if there were a serious incident 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.

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