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## Fall Protection Toolbox Talk



**Falls are the leading cause of death in the Roofing Industry.**

Roofers and Waterproofers rank 3<sup>rd</sup> in the list of the most dangerous occupations in the United States.

Roofers commonly work in high risk locations during the removal and re-application of commercial roof systems.

Identifying potential fall hazards and taking preventative measures to ensure crewmember safety in the workplace is of the utmost importance.

### When is Fall Protection needed?

Any work performed at heights of 6ft or greater in construction require some form of fall protection.

A Competent Person can identify the proper components needed to ensure safety for the worker.

Fall protection training allows a roofer or waterproofer to make an informed judgment of the hazard and take the proper steps to correct them.



### What are the most common fall hazard areas of concern for a Roofer and Waterproofer?

- Unprotected sides and roof edges
- Skylights
- Holes or other roof/floor openings
- Ladders
- Equipment
- Scaffolds

## What Fall Protection systems are available when working on the job?

Guardrails  
Hole Covers & Securement  
Fall Arrest Systems  
Fall Restraint Systems  
Safety Nets  
Warning Lines and Safety Monitors  
Rescue

### Questions for the Crew:

What fall hazards are on site?

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**Name of Crewmembers to Identify Hazards:**

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Competent Person assigned? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

**Name of Assigned Competent Person:** \_\_\_\_\_

What Fall Protection equipment or components are available for use?

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**Name of Crewmembers to Identify Components:**

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Has the equipment been inspected before use? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

**Name of Crewmembers performing inspection:**

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Is the Fall Protection equipment in use adequate for the associated hazard? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Is there a better way to protect the crew from falls? If so, How?

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Is Rescue equipment available? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Has the equipment been inspected? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

**Name of Crewmember performing inspection:**

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Has a site-specific Rescue Plan been developed and practiced? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

**Name of Rescue leader:** \_\_\_\_\_