



# KCA TOOL BOX TALK: Falling Object Protection

An everyday hazard to construction workers is loose items that have been placed aloft which can fall and strike employees working below. The following requirements have been implemented to protect employees from falling objects.

1. Secure unused equipment, tools and materials while aloft so they do not fall.
2. The controlling contractor must bar other construction processes below steel erection activities, unless overhead protection for employees working below is provided.

### Tips:

- ✓ Schedule work in such a way that employees who work aloft do not work at the same time as those who do work below the steel erection activity.
- ✓ Secure tools and materials to prevent them from falling on people below.
- ✓ Barricade hazard areas and post warning signs.
- ✓ Use toe boards, screens on guardrails or scaffolds to prevent falling objects.
- ✓ Use debris nets, catch platforms, or canopies to catch or deflect falling objects.
- ✓ Consider using tethered tools that have built-in connection points placed by the manufacturer or can be retrofitted with connection points

For more information visit OSHA Regulation 29 CFR 1926.759

### Signatures

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