

KCA TOOL BOX TALK: Preventing Falls from Rooftops



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In construction, falls from higher levels result in more deaths and injuries than any other cause. Many of these accidents are falls from rooftops.

Here is an Example: Bill and another worker started working on a garage roof that was about 10 feet above the ground. Suddenly, Bill slipped and nearly slid off the edge of the rooftop. He was wearing a body harness attached to a lifeline, however, which stopped the fall.

1. What is the purpose of a lifeline?
2. Do you know anyone who has fallen off a rooftop? If so, what happened?

Remember this:

- Fall protection is required for anyone working on roofs or other areas where the distance to the ground or another surface is more than 6 feet.
- Roofing slide guards are not fall protection.
- If the fall arrest equipment looks like it needs repair, remove it from service and have an expert examine it.
- Permanent anchorages must support 5,000 pounds for each person attached to the anchorage by a lanyard or a lifeline.

For more information visit OSHA REGULATIONS: 1926.501-1926.502

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