



# Preventing Falls From Rooftops

*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

Two carpenters started working on a garage roof that was about 10 feet above the ground. One of the workers 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? What happened?**

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- Fall protection is **REQUIRED** for anyone working on roofs or other work 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 a competent person examine it.
- Permanent anchorages can be installed during roofing operations and left in place after construction is complete. They must support 5,000 pounds for each employee attached by lanyard or lifeline.

## What Are We Going to Do Today?

What will we do here at the worksite today to prevent falls from roof tops?

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