Fall from Elevation



A 37-year-old residential roofer was fatally injured after falling from a roof.

The victim and one co-worker had climbed onto a roof of a business. Both carried their fall protection equipment with them, but neither had put it on. They were sitting on the roof waiting for their supervisor to arrive, when the victim moved to the edge of the roof to tie down a loose tarpaulin. While he was at the edge, the roof gave way, and the worker fell 14 feet (about four meters) to the loading dock.

- Do you supply and require the wearing of fall protection?
- Do you have a fall protection work plan?
- Do you conduct a hazard assessment of the work area before work begins?