Residential Roofer Fall Protection Guidelines



General requirements and guidelines for a residential roofer fall protection program based on OSHA 1926 subpart M

General Requirements.

Trained Workers Only.

Only workers who have been trained to be proficient in the alternative methods of fall protection shall be allowed onto the roof. In addition, each affected employee shall be trained to ensure specific awareness of the fall hazards associated with work on roofs with rake edges (“rake edges” are inclined roof edges, such as those on the gable end of a building).

Slip Hazards

The roof surfaces shall be inspected for slipping hazards. The employer shall either eliminate any such hazards or take effective measures to have workers avoid them. The employer shall have workers wear appropriate footwear to reduce the potential for slipping.

Bad Weather

When adverse weather (such as high winds, rain, snow, or sleet) creates a hazardous condition, roofing operations shall be…