

Fall from roof - Inspection #1047445

A **69 year old male employee** was fatally injured when he fell 13 feet from the roof of a newly constructed cabin. At the time of the accident, the victim and another employee were measuring and marking a 4-12 pitch section of the cabin's roof prior to laying shingles.. The witness stated that he heard the victim say “Oh, oh”, and then turned to observe him falling head first off the roof. The victim received blunt force injuries to the torso, and later died as a result of these injuries. The victim was not wearing a fall protection device nor was fall prevention provided. In addition, no fall protection/prevention, or training was in place for the other company employees installing shingles on the remaining cabins.

Citation(s) as Originally Issued

A complete inspection was conducted at the accident scene. Some of the items cited may not directly relate to the fatality.

Citation 1 Item 1a

29 CFR 1926.501(b)(10)	Each employee engaged in roofing activities on low-slope roofs, with unprotected sides and edges 6 feet (1.8 m) or more above lower levels was not protected from falling by guardrail systems, safety net systems, personal fall arrest systems, or a combination of warning line system and guardrail system, warning line system and safety net system, or warning line system and personal fall arrest system, or warning line system and safety monitoring system. In that employees were working from a 4-12 pitch roof without fall protection.
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Citation 1 Item 1b

29 CFR 1926.501(b)(11)	Each employee on a steep roof with unprotected sides and edges 6 feet (1.8 m) or more above lower levels were not protected from falling by guardrail systems with toeboards, safety net systems, or personal fall arrest systems. In that employees had been installing shingles on 9-12 pitch roofs of cabins without any type fall protection in place.
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Citation 1 Item 1c

29 CFR 1926.503(a)(1)	The employer did not provide a training program for each employee who might be exposed to fall hazards, which would enable each employee to recognize the hazards of falling and train each employee in the procedures to be followed in order to minimize these hazards. In that the employer did not provide employees with fall protection training to recognize hazard when working at elevated levels.
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Citation 2 Item 1

29 CFR 1926.50(c)	A person who has a valid certificate of first-aid training was not available at the work-site to render first aid. In that the employer did not ensure that someone on the job site had a valid certification in First Aid.
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Citation 2 Item 2

29 CFR 1926.102(a)(1)	Eye and face protective equipment was not used when machines or operations presented potential eye or face injury. In that employees installing shingles at the construction site were not wearing safety glasses while operating pneumatic nail guns.
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Photo 1 of 2 – Photograph showing the roof that the victim fell from.

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Photo 2 of 2 – Photograph showing the roof that the victim fell from.