

19. Fall from roof

A **52-year-old** Hispanic construction laborer died when he fell from the roof of a private residence during a re-roofing project. The project was to remove an old shingled roof and install a new one on the residence. Six employees including the victim were working on the steep roof; no means of fall protection was available and interviews revealed that no training in recognizing and avoiding fall hazards had been conducted for the employees. The victim was either sitting or kneeling at the eave of the main roof collecting old roofing material and tossing that material to a wheel barrow on the ground level. He fell from the roof, a fall of approximately 13 feet. No one saw him fall. The fall resulted in fatal injuries.

Citations as Originally Issued

A complete inspection was conducted of the worksite. Thus, some of the items cited may not directly relate to the fatality

Citation 1

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| Item 1 1926.50(c) | A person who has a valid certificate in first-aid training was not available at the worksite to render first aid. |
| Item 2a 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. |
| Item 2b 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. |

Citation 2

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| Item 1 1926.100(a) | Employees were not protected by protective helmets while working in areas where there was a possible danger of head injury from impact, or from falling or flying objects, or from electrical shock and burns. |
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The victim was sitting or kneeling where indicated by the yellow circle.