

TOOL BOX TALKS

Residential Roof Anchorages

Construction Slip, Trip and Fall Prevention



New jobs require a survey of fall protection needs. Commercial and residential roofing jobs can present many different types of fall hazards. Do what it takes to prevent falls on the construction job site.

Tool Box Tips

1. Use ANSI and OSHA compliant personal fall arrest anchorage systems.
2. Read the directions before installing an anchorage.
3. Fall protection users must be trained.
4. Inspect each anchorage for damage or excessive wear before connecting.
5. Keep the manufacturer's instructions included with anchorages you purchase.
6. Use the manufacturer recommended fastener when affixing the anchorage to a roof truss or rafter.
7. An anchorage must support 5,000 pounds when using a shock-absorbing lanyard. When using a self-retracting lanyard, the anchorage must support 3,000 pounds.
8. Only one person can tie off to a single anchorage.
9. A rescue plan is required whenever anyone is using a personal fall arrest system.
10. Be prepared to retrieve a fellow employee if they fall.
11. Do not hang tools or materials from an anchorage.
12. Do not misuse, change or alter fall protection equipment.



Anchorage must be inspected for damage or wear before each use.



Anchorage must be affixed to structural members during construction.



Unsafe: This employee is not tied off.

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