

# TOOL BOX TALKS

## Roofing Shingle Tear Off

### Construction Slip, Trip and Fall Prevention



Falls from elevation are a leading cause of fatal injuries in construction. Residential shingle tear off exposes workers to fall hazards, nail puncture wounds, excessive heat, electric shock hazards and strains and sprains. Review the roofing shingle tear off basics with your employees.

#### Tool Box Tips

1. Develop a job specific fall protection plan.
2. Check work areas for overhead power lines.
3. Cover or guard skylights or other openings.
4. Limit bystander access due to falling debris.
5. Place a dumpster or a scrap materials trailer close by.
6. Use roof jacks around all edges.
7. Do not walk on tarps, plastic or scrap materials.
8. Fix or cover roof soft spots.
9. Never work atop a wet, frosty or icy roof.
10. Sweep or blow off asphalt sand to prevent slips.
11. Prevent back strains, over-exertion and fatigue by using a shingle tear-off shovel or ripper.
12. Use a broom magnet to pick up nails.
13. Use approved anchorage methods. Do not anchor from a chimney, vent or stove pipe.
14. Maintain good housekeeping on the roof. Do not leave scrap shingles, nails or other scrap materials on the roof.

**Inspect your work area for slippery conditions, soft spots and scrap materials before working.**

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