

TOOL BOX TALKS

Skylight Hazards

Construction Slip, Trip and Fall Prevention



Skylights appear in almost any type of structure and are more popular than ever. There are many types of skylights and quality and construction vary with each one. Review these safety tips with your employees.

Tool Box Tips

1. Employees can trip and fall or step through a skylight.
2. Do not sit on skylights because they can fall through.
3. OSHA considers skylights “holes”.
4. Covers are required for holes two inches or larger.
5. Secure hole covers to prevent accidental displacement or replacement.
6. Covers must be clearly marked “hole” or “cover” and must be color coded.
7. Hole or skylight covers must support at least twice the weight of employees, equipment and materials that may cross over the cover.
8. Wooden boxes can be built and used as covers.
9. Guardrails can be set up around skylights.
10. Purchase manufactured skylight covers for use.



Skylights must be protected when employees are on the roof.



This is an example of skylights on a flat commercial roof.



This is an example of a skylight with a safety cover.

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