

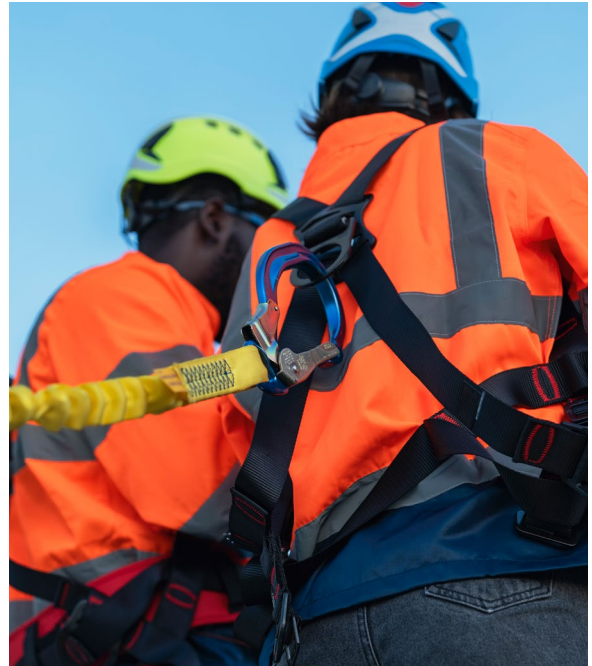
Work Safely on the Roof

Make your plan for safe roof work



Working at heights carries risks for those on the roof and those working below. Use these tips to help keep everyone safe:

- Only work in acceptable weather conditions
- Inform all workers of the work taking place
- Share communication protocols with all workers
- Establish and use a safe way to access the roof
- Clearly mark all roof openings with danger tape
- Use appropriate fall protection and safety lines for the job, including properly secured anchor points
- Ensure temporary/mobile scaffolding is properly erected and includes safe access, guardrails and toe boards
- Inspect temporary scaffolding at least daily or before use to confirm it is still level, square and plumb
- Always have at least two workers present so no work is done alone
- Properly secure/tie off and inspect all ladders prior to use
- Assess the risk of falling objects for those working below
- Use flagmen and erect barriers/rope off the area, if appropriate
- Display all required and appropriate signage, including for items which may fall through the roof as well as from the roof



- Secure shingles against high winds
- Identify and communicate to all workers any existing overhead hazards or obstructions (electrical lines, tree limbs, etc.) crossing or adjacent to the intended roof work
- Consider risks from duct and air vents on the roof and address any associated vapor hazards
- Ensure all skylights have screens
- Be sure all workers wear required, secured and well-fitting personal protective equipment while performing tasks

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