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FALL PROTECTION GUIDELINE FOR SLOPED ROOF WORK

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In all industries, an employer must ensure that workers are provided with suitable protection from falling. For sloped roof work, some form of fall protection must always be provided where a worker may fall 5.0 metres or more as measured from any open edge of the roof to the elevation below.

This guideline applies to work on sloped roofs, in accordance with MR 189/85, Sections 188 to 190 inclusive.

Fall protection for sloped roof work shall consist of:

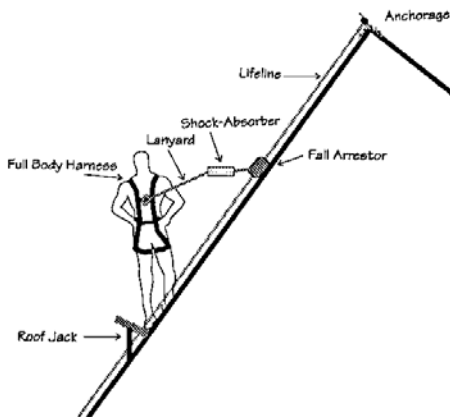
1. A complete fall arrest system consisting of an anchorage point, lifeline, fall arrestor, lanyard, shock absorber, and full body safety harness or safety belts as travel restraint only.

OR

2. Roof jacks and toe boards 50mm x 150mm (2 x 6) throughout the length of the eave of the sloped roof.

EXCEPT

3. Where the slope of the roof is greater than 35 degrees (9 vertical to 12 horizontal pitch), a complete fall arrest system as described in number 1 is required. Roof jacks and toe boards are not considered to be "a suitable protective device" (reference MR 189/85 Section 190(1)).



Every employer shall provide to all workers the fall protection equipment described above. As well, every employer is required to train all workers in the use of the equipment and provide appropriate supervision to ensure that all workers perform their tasks in accordance with these requirements.

Every worker shall use all the devices and wear all personal protective equipment that is designated for the task and required by the employer or regulation.

For information about fall protection in general as it applies to non-sloped roof work, see a copy of our Fall Protection Guideline.