

# REY-CREST Roofing & Waterproofing Co.

## UP ON THE ROOF

### Death From Falls Increase



Rey-Crest Roofing employees utilizing proper fall protection

The Bureau of Labor Statistics in a recent report states that the 815 deaths from work-place falls were the highest reported in twelve years. The increase in fall deaths included 39 percent increase in the number of workers fatally injured after a fall from a roof and a 17 percent increase in the number of fatal falls from ladders. There were 178 roof falls and 133 falls from ladders in the previous year. Construction workers accounted for 88 percent of the fatal roof falls compared with about 54 percent of all falls.

### Preventing Falls

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- Develop, implement and commit to a fall protection program
- Provide training on the fall protection program
- Evaluate the program on a

regular basis to insure the program's effectiveness and determine whether it needs to be changed or updated

Employers are required to assess the workplace to determine if the walking/working surfaces on which employees are to work have the strength and structural integrity to safely support workers. Once employers have determined that the surface is safe for employees to work on,

the employer must select one of the options listed for the work operation if a fall hazard is present.

- Where protection is required, select fall protection systems appropriate for given situations.
- Use proper construction and installation of safety systems.
- Train workers in the proper selection, use, and maintenance of fall protection systems.

A total of 1,224 workplace deaths occurred in the construction sector in this reporting period.

Fall protection is required on roofing jobsites when working above a surface greater than six feet. Falls in the roofing industry are the number one killer. Due to this OSHA has targeted the roofing industry for fall protection usage. Using some type of fall protection when working from a roof surface and scaffold, and using correct procedures when using a ladder, will go a long way in the prevention of accidents on the roofing job site.

OSHA plans to increase the violation fines from approximately \$1000.00 dollars to \$3 to 4,000 dollars. OSHA is also launching the "Severe Violator Enforcement Program" which is intended to concentrate on employers that are indifferent to OSHA standards. Employers that commit willful, repeated or failure-to-abate violations will be subject to increased OSHA inspections and mandatory follow-up inspections. In light of these changes by OSHA's penalty and enforcement policies, it is important roofing contractors ensure safety rules are being adequately communicated to employees in a manner in which they understand.

**Safety starts with you!**

### Hot Asphalt Roofing Is Dangerous

- **Be aware of Fire and Explosion hazards**
- **Have Dry chemical or carbon dioxide extinguishers.**
- **Wear Boots with tops at least (6 inches) high and laced without openings.**
- **Wear Pants without cuffs which extend over the tops of the boots.**
- **Wear thermally insulated gloves with gauntlets that extend up the arm and worn so they can easily be removed if covered with hot asphalt.**

### Respect Electricity:

- **Use extension cords only when required, and choose a type designed for the application.**
- **Check the rating of your extension cords. Don't let the total amps or wattage of all plugged in equipment exceed that rating.**

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- Where protection is required, select fall protection systems appropriate for given situations.
- Use proper construction and installation of safety systems.
- Supervise employees properly.
- Train workers in the proper use of fall protection systems.



Workers from Honeycutt are properly secured with fall protection while working on the roof.

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### ***El mal uso de escaleras de mano, ¿Estoy en peligro?***

Corre el riesgo de caer si las escaleras de mano no son posicionados de forma segura cada vez que se utilizan. Mientras esté en una escalera, puede moverse y deslizarse de sus soportes. También puede perder el equilibrio mientras que subir o bajar una escalera inestable. Caídas de escaleras puede causar lesiones que vandesde esguinces hasta la muerte.

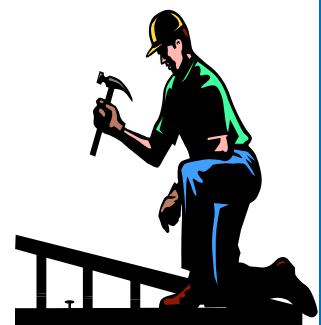
### ***¿Cómo puedo evitar los peligros?***

Posición escaleras portátiles para los carriles laterales se extiendan por lo menos 3pies sobre el aterrizaje. Fije los carriles laterales en la parte superior de un soporte rígido y el uso

de undispositivo de agarre cuando 3 pies de extensión no es posible.

Asegúrese de que el peso de la escalera no hará que se deslice su apoyo. Antes de cada uso, inspeccione las escaleras de las piezas agrietadas o rotas, tales como escalones, escaleras, barandas, los pies y los componentes de seguridad. No aplicar más peso en la escala de lo que está diseñado para soportar [Para obtener información adicional, consulte la escalera de seguridad].

Use las escaleras sólo que cumplan con los estándares de diseño de OSHA.



## Recent Jobs Completed



St. Jude's Surgical Admitting Center, Fullerton California.



Chase Bank, Malibu California

## Tailgate Topics

### FOOT SAFETY-IT'S A SHOE IN FOR SAFETY

The foot is something that doesn't get much attention unless there is a problem. Therefore, to avoid possible injury, it's important to think about safeguarding the foot before undertaking any job.

Workers may be exposed to various hazardous conditions on the job, including slippery surfaces, climbing hazards, handling or working around heavy equipment and machinery and working around electricity. These different working conditions may require different safety footwear to protect the foot, and the worker, from injury.

When choosing safety footwear, you must select the legally approved shoe or boot required for the job activity, equipment, and situation. Some situations may require metal-toed boots to protect the top part of the foot. These



situations where a heavy object may roll over a worker's foot.

Safety shoes or boots with puncture protection should be required where a worker could step on sharp objects such as nails, wires, tacks, screws, large staples, scrap metal, etc. And special types of insulating shoes or conductive shoes may be necessary

for certain types of electrical work.

Employers should instruct their workers in the correct safety footwear necessary for the work they will be required to perform or situation they may encounter on the job. They should also understand the importance of wearing the protective footwear.

Safety awareness and healthy workers comes from a total safety program that includes ongoing education and training in personal protective equipment on the job.

The above evaluations and/or recommendations are for general guidance only and should not be relied upon for legal compliance purposes.

Los pies son algo que no recibe mucha atención a no ser que exista algún problema. Por lo tanto, para evitar posibles lesiones, es importante pensar en salvaguardar los pies antes de empezar alguna tarea.

Los trabajadores pueden estar expuestos a varias situaciones peligrosas en su trabajo, incluyendo superficies resbalosas, peligros al subirse en algo, manejo de equipos pesados o trabajos en las cercanías de maquinarias o electricidad. Dichas diferentes situaciones de trabajo pueden requerir diferente calzado de protección para proteger a los pies y al empleado de lesiones.

Al seleccionar los zapatos de protección, se deben escoger los zapatos o botas legalmente aprobados para la tarea de trabajo, el equipo o la situación. Algunas situaciones pueden requerir botas con puntas metálicas para proteger la parte superior del pie.

Dichos zapatos con punta de acero proporcionan protección adicional sobre la parte superior del pie y pueden resultar en una gran diferencia en la prevención de lesiones en caso de un accidente.

Se deben usar zapatos o botas de seguridad con protección contra impactos cuando el trabajador carga o maneja materiales tales como paquetes, objetos, piezas o herramientas pesadas y para otras actividades durante las cuales pueden caerle objetos sobre el pie. Debe ser obligatorio que los empleados usen zapatos o botas de seguridad con protección contra impactos cuando su trabajo involucra el manejo de carretillas cargadas con materiales pesados; el manejo de herramientas grandes y pesadas (papel, telas, alfombras, maderas, etc.); el trabajo cerca de tuberías pesadas o en situaciones en las cuales un objeto pesado puede rodar sobre el pie del trabajador.

Debe ser obligatorio el uso de zapatos o

botas de seguridad con protección contra las perforaciones cuando el empleado pueda pisar objetos afilados, tales como clavos, alambres, tachuelas, tornillos, grapas grandes, chatarra, etc. También puede ser necesario usar zapatos especiales aislantes o conductores para ciertos tipos de trabajos eléctricos.

Los empleadores deben instruir a los empleados en el uso correcto del calzado de seguridad necesario para

las tareas que tienen obligación de ejecutar, o en las situaciones que se puedan encontrar durante sus labores. Los empleados también deben entender la importancia de usar los zapatos de protección apropiados. La consciencia de la seguridad y los trabajadores saludables son el resultado de programas totales de seguridad que incluyen una educación constante y entrenamiento en los equipos de protección personal en el trabajo.

