

CSI Country Wide Case Study Safety Strategy Discussion

Construction Safety Investigator



Instructions

The objective of this tool is to provide field supervisors with information to proactively engage workers and discuss safety related concerns that they may encounter. Safety discussions should not be limited to the subject above and should pertain to the activities that workers will be involved in that may have the potential for safety related exposures.

Case Day:

August 2007

Accident Type:

Fall Accident - Residential Roofing

Relevant laws, rules and codes may include:

29CFR 1926.21(b)(2), 29CFR 1926.500, 29CFR 1926.501(b)(13)

****Note**** OSHA Instruction STD 3.1, Interim Fall Protection Compliance Guidelines for Residential Construction, which was in effect at the time of this accident was rescinded effective June 16, 2011.

Case:

Roofer fell from the unprotected roof edge of a residential home, which was under construction.

Accident Detail:

There were four to six members on the work crew. The sequence of events leading to the fall is unknown. It is alleged that the decedent fell from the roof at the back of the house. The decedent's employer was on the "other side of the roof when the decedent fell three stories and landed on packed dirt.

Although the details of the accident are unknown, working on sloped roofs is dangerous, and employers and employees should be cognizant of the hazards related to the tasks being performed so the work can be completed safely.

Reconstructive Safety Evaluation:

- What are some of the possible causes of the accident being discussed?
- What actions could have been taken that might have prevented this accident from occurring?

