

Case 33. 55-year-old male roofer died after falling onto concrete from a residential roof.

A 55-year old male roofer was a member of a three-person roofing crew stripping and replacing shingles at a residence. The victim was installing flashing material for a chimney. He had placed his ladder at a garage wall. The garage had a flat roof that was approximately 10 feet 6 inches above the ground. He descended from the ladder to the ground to pick up additional flashing material. He ascended the ladder with the material and walked across the garage roof. The roof that had the chimney had a 5-12 pitch. It appeared he was going to the chimney when he fell fifteen feet from the roof. Emergency response was called and he was transported to a local hospital. He was transferred to a second hospital where he died.

The company was issued the following “Serious” Citations:

1. The employer did not have a written safety program onsite. (General Rules, Part 1, Rule 114(1))
2. There was no fall protection at the site. (Fall Protection, Part 45, Rule 408.44502, REF OSHA 1926.501(b)(13))