

Case 422. 39-year-old self-employed roofer died from injuries sustained in a 10-12-foot fall from a roof.

A 39-year-old male self-employed roofer died from injuries sustained in a 10-12-foot fall from a roof. The decedent and a coworker were working on a residential garage roof. The coworker was at the “back half” of the roof and the decedent was working on the front. The coworker could not see the decedent, but heard him yell out to him just prior to or as he fell. The coworker descended from the roof and went to the front of the garage and saw the decedent lying on his back on the concrete driveway. The coworker called for emergency response. Emergency responders transported him to a nearby hospital where he died the next day.

MIOSHA Construction Safety and Health Division did not issue any citations – the decedent was the sole owner and the company no longer exists.