TOOLBOX TALKS

***Falls-Work on Low Slope Roofs in General Industry***

A Low Slope Roof means a roof that has a slope less than or equal to a ratio of 4 to 12 (vertical to horizontal)

4

15 Feet

12

6 Feet

Example: Low Slope Roof Example: Plan view of top of a flat roof. (Distance from edge)

Distance from the edge: Less than 6 feet:

Protect employees with guardrail systems, safety net systems, travel restraint systems, or personal fall arrest systems.

At least 6 feet, but less than 15 feet:

Same protections as above, but may also use a designated area when performing work that is both infrequent and temporary. (Example: Servicing HVAC units monthly)

Designated area: A distinct portion of a walking/working surface delineated by a warning line in which employees may perform work without additional protection.

Example: Warning line with stanchions flagged every 6 feet.

At 15 feet or more from the roof edge:

Option A: Protect employees with guardrail systems, safety net systems, travel restraint systems, personal fall arrest system, or a designated area.

Option B: Implement and enforce a work rule prohibiting employees from going within 15 feet of the roof edge without using fall protection.