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Scaling New Heights in Fall Protection

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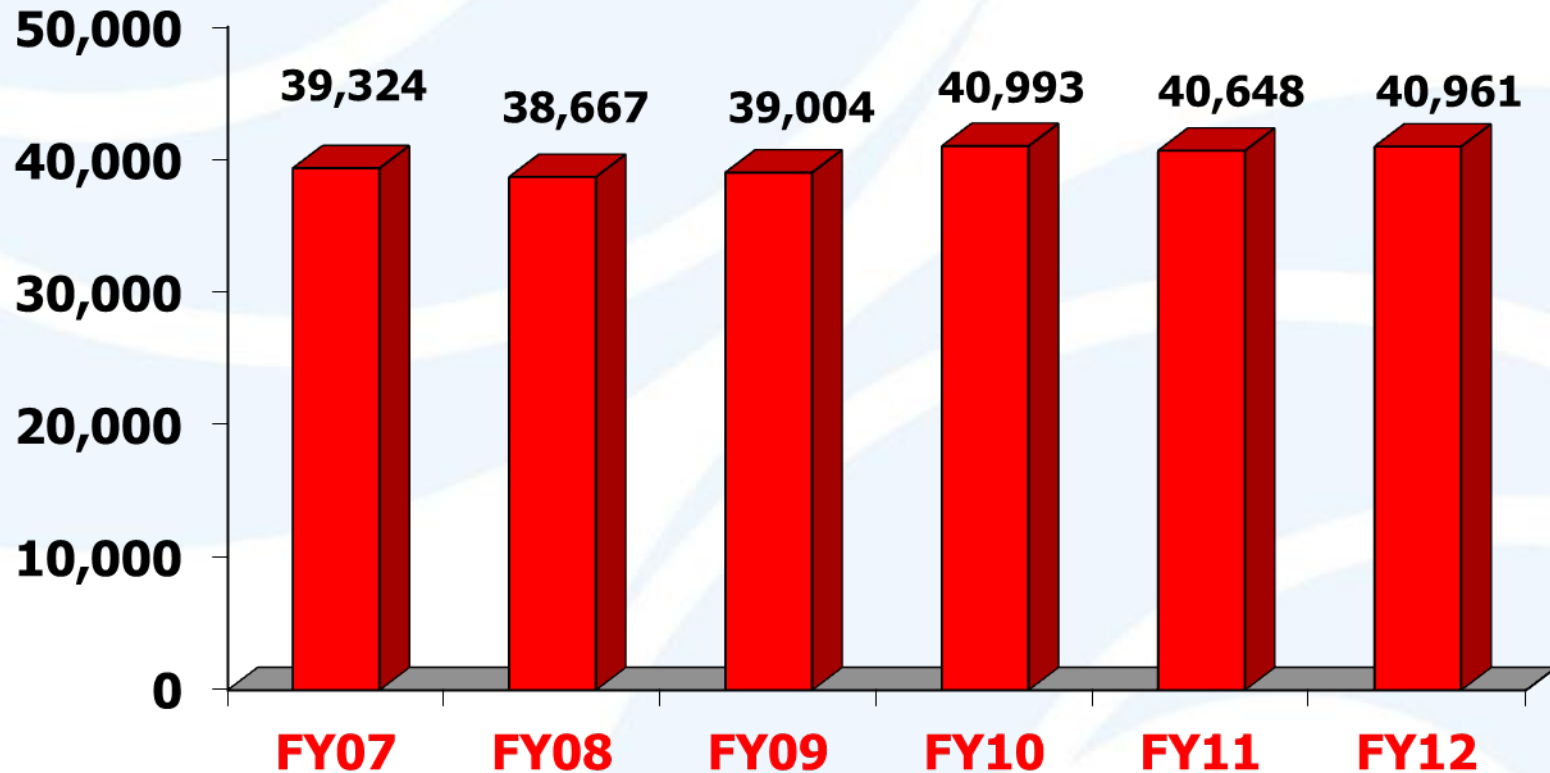
OSHA's Continuing Mission

- More than **4,500** Americans die from workplace injuries every year.
- Perhaps as many as **50,000** workers die from illnesses in which workplace exposures were a contributing factor.
- Almost **4 million** cases of non-fatal workplace injuries and illnesses annually.
- The annual cost of occupational injuries and illnesses totals more than **\$170 billion**.



FY 2007 – FY 2012

Inspections Conducted



OSHA Compliance Assistance

- **200 million** visitors to OSHA's website in FY 2011
- **200,000** responses to OSHA 1-800 calls for help
- **33,000** e-mail requests for assistance answered
- **5,300** outreach activities by Regional & Area Offices
- **27,000 small businesses helped through Consultation**



Fall Prevention Concerns



- Each year over 750 construction workers die on the job in the U.S.
- Falls are leading cause of deaths in construction — about 1/3 of all construction fatalities
- Of the 255 deaths from falls in construction in the U.S. in 2011, 90 were from roofs, 68 from ladders and 37 from scaffolds

OSHA Response

2010: OSHA increased protection for residential construction workers by rescinding the 1999 directive that allowed employers in residential construction to bypass fall protection requirements.



OSHA Response

The Wichita Eagle
Kansas.com

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OSHA rules are killing businesses, Wichita builders say

BY RON SYLVESTER
The Wichita Eagle

Owners of small home-construction businesses say they're watching their livelihoods collapse under safety regulations they feel are more about punishing them than protecting their workers.

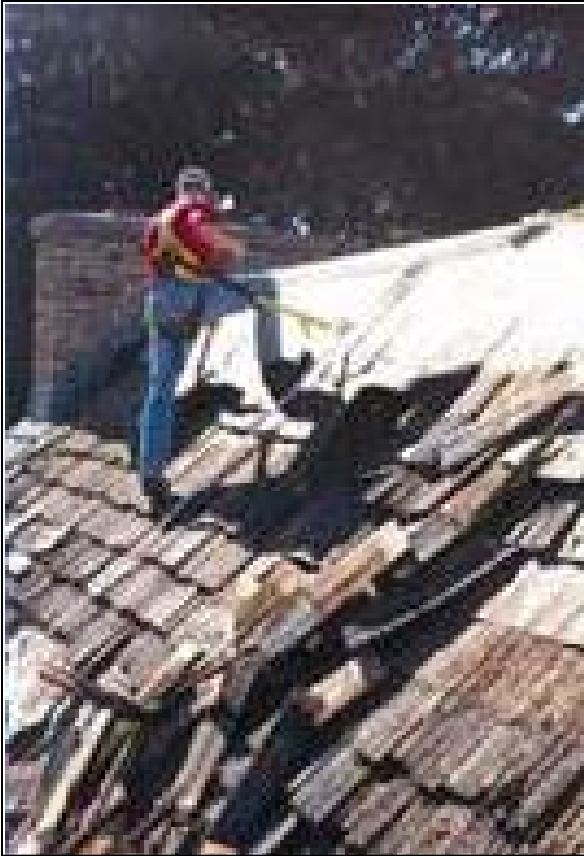
"They have not been making a safer workplace, but they are killing businesses and they're financially killing families," said Gary Herndon, who operates a local roofing company.

Last year, the Department of Labor decided to [ramp up enforcement](#) of regulations aimed at reducing serious accidents and deaths, mainly from [workers falling](#) down on the job. But those who work on residential construction sites say the new fines – 10 times higher in some cases – are tearing away at their meager profits, even in cases where there are no injuries.

It's an issue that's reached across the country, said Wess Galyon, president of the Wichita Area Builders Association. Later this month, Galyon said, the National Association of Home Builders will consider a resolution to ask Congress to pass sweeping reforms of the Occupational Health and Safety Administration.



Fall Prevention Campaign



- **Target outreach to vulnerable workers with limited English proficiency.**
- **Simple language, clear illustrations, and easy-to-follow instructions.**
- **Focus on key areas: falls from roofs, ladders and scaffolds**
- **Work with local and national stakeholders to take this message directly to those who need it most.**

Fall Prevention Campaign

Stakeholders and Partners:

- **NIOSH and other U.S. agencies**
- **Trade associations**
- **Labor unions**
- **Employers**
- **Universities**
- **Community and faith-based organizations**
- **Consulates**
- **Other nations**



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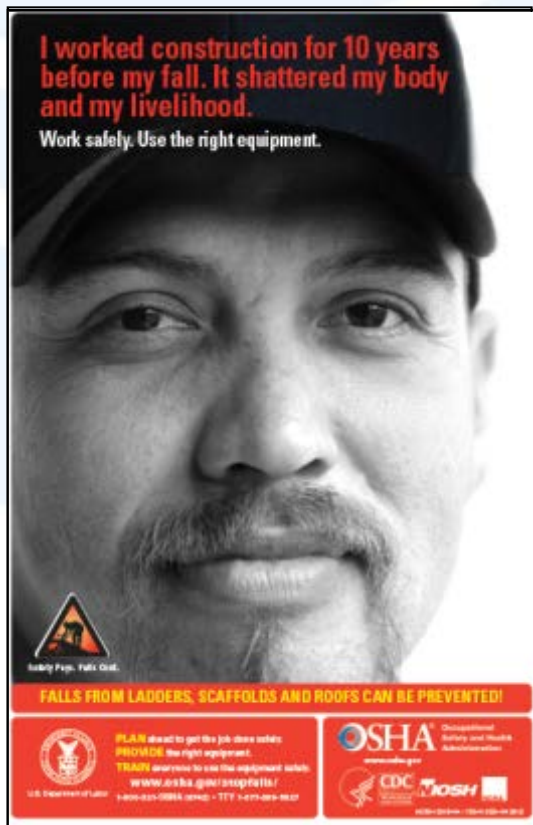
Simple Messages:

- **Safety Pays. Falls Cost.**
- **Use the right Equipment.**
- **Plan. Provide. Train.**



Fall Prevention Campaign

Poster



Tool Box Sticker



Pocket Cards



Fact Sheet

FALLS FROM LADDERS CAN BE PREVENTED!

- ✓ Check the right ladder for the job
- ✓ Maintain three points of contact
- ✓ Secure the ladder
- ✓ Always face the ladder
- ✓ Guard or cover all holes, openings, and protrusions



DON'T
stand on top or on the top edge of a step ladder



DON'T
overreach



DON'T
place the ladder on uneven footing



PLAN ahead to get the job done safely.
PROVIDE the right roof equipment.
TEACH everyone to use the equipment safely.

FALLS FROM ROOFS CAN BE PREVENTED!

- ✓ Use a harness and always stay connected
- ✓ Make sure your harness fits
- ✓ Use guardrails or lifelines
- ✓ Inspect all fall protection equipment before use
- ✓ Guard or cover all holes, openings, and protrusions



DON'T
correct for tilt



DON'T
use equipment if faulty



DON'T
use equipment if damaged

PLAN ahead to get the job done safely.
PROVIDE the right roof equipment.
TEACH everyone to use the equipment safely.

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Three simple steps to preventing falls.

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Welcome to OSHA's Fall Prevention Campaign

FALLS ARE THE LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH IN CONSTRUCTION. In...

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 **PLANIFIQUE PROPORCIONE ADIESTRE.**
Tres pasos sencillos para prevenir caídas.

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BIENVENIDOS A LA CAMPAÑA DE LA OSHA PARA LA PREVENCIÓN CONTRA CAÍDAS

LAS CAÍDAS SON LA CAUSA PRINCIPAL DE LA MUERTE EN LA...

Información y materiales destacados

Videos sobre la prevención (llamados "v-Tools" en inglés)

- Caídas en la construcción
 - [Aberturas en el suelo](#)
 - [Andamios fijos](#)
 - [Entablado de zunchos](#)
 - [Reparación del techo](#)
 - [Trabajo en cornisa](#)
 - [Prevención contra caídas](#): Programa de análisis de casos de muerte ocupacional y evaluación de controles (FACE, por sus siglas en inglés).

Socios de la campaña

- [Instituto Nacional para la Seguridad y Salud Ocupacional \(NIOSH, por sus siglas en inglés\)](#) (en inglés)
- [Agencia Nacional de Investigación Ocupacional \(NIORA, por sus siglas en inglés\)](#) (en inglés)

PLANIFIQUE
con anticipación para hacer el trabajo de forma segura.

PROPORCIONE
el equipo correcto.

<http://www.osha.gov/stopfalls/>
<http://www.osha.gov/stopfalls/spanish/>



OSHA Website Resources

- **Fall Prevention Poster:** English, Spanish, Russian, Polish, Portuguese
- **Fact Sheet:** English, Spanish, Polish, Russian, Laotian, Portuguese, Tagalog, Vietnamese
- **e-Tool: Falls in Construction**
- **Tool Box Talks and Training Products**
- **Ladder Safety Fact Sheet**
- **Wallet cards**
- **QuickCards**



Stakeholders & Partners

- Federal, state and international agencies
- Trade associations
- Labor unions
- Employers
- Universities
- Community and faith-based organizations



Other Fall Protection Products



Construction vTool

Billboard



**I worked construction for 10 years before my fall.
It shattered my body and my livelihood.**

Falls can be prevented:

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