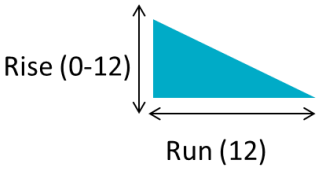
Safety Share

Roofing

Working from a roof is a common source of falls that often result in serious injuries or fatalities. While all work at height requires fall protection, the controls required during roof work depend on the pitch (steepness) of the roof. Pitch is the vertical rise over the horizontal run.



Pitched Roofs (3/12 to 6/12)

One of the following controls must be used:

- Roof brackets, guardrails and toe boards installed continuously along the length of the eave;
- A fully decked scaffold with toe boards installed continuously along the length of the eave; or
- A fall arrest system.

Pitched Roofs (6/12 to 9/12)

A combination of two of the following controls must be used:

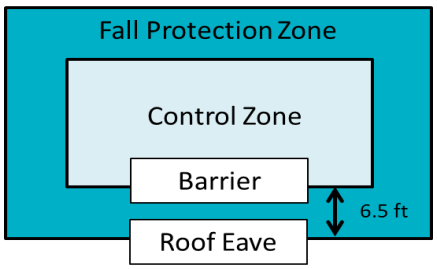
- Roof brackets;
- A fully decked scaffold with toe boards installed continuously along the length of the eave; or
- A fall arrest system.

Pitched Roofs (9/12 or greater)

- Roof brackets with planks and a fall arrest system must be used.

Flat Roofs (0/12 to 3/12)

- Fall protection must be used when working within 2 metres (6.5 feet) of the eave.
- When working 2 metres (6.5 feet) or more from the eave, fall protection is not required. A warning system, such as a physical barrier, should be used to identify fall protection zones.



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