

Fatal Alert

On March 8, 2022 three employees were working on a residential roof construction job. The three employees returned from their lunch break and were trying to complete the sheeting of a roof before a snow storm. Employee one and two ascended the roof and secured themselves to the installed anchor. They then began to lay down the sheeting. Employee three ascended the roof and went to the north east section which had previously been completed. Employee one and two continued to lay sheeting when the General Contractor alerted them that employee three had fallen off of the roof.

Significant Factors

- Employee three never secured himself to the installed roofing anchor.
- Employee three went to an area of the roof that had been completed for an unknown reason.
- The supervisor on the roof did not ensure everyone was secured to the installed roofing anchor.

Recommendations

- The employer should implement a written fall protection program to include the applicable requirements of 1926.501, 1926.502 and 1926.503
- The employer should implement a safety check system to be performed regularly to ensure compliance with fall protection requirements.