

# New Mexico Occupational Health & Safety

# FATAL FACTS



No. 8775-014

Accident Type:	Fall from height
Number of Fatalities	1
Weather Conditions:	Wet
Type of Operation:	Roof repair
Size of Work Crew:	4
Competent Safety Monitor on Site:	No
Safety and Health Program in Effect:	Yes
Was the Worksite Inspected Regularly:	Yes
Training and Education Provided:	Yes
Employees Job Titles:	Laborer
Age & Gender:	64 Male
Experience at this Type of Work:	2 years
Time on Project:	Week



## BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

The employee was walking backwards towards the edge of a roof with a short parapet. He tripped and fell 22 feet to the ground.

## INSPECTION RESULTS

The inspection revealed the employer did have a written safety plan in place that covered fall protection. However, the fall protection plans were not followed. A repeat and serious citation were issued for not using fall protection systems.

## ACCIDENT PREVENTION RECOMMENDATIONS

The recommendation for preventing this type of accident was to conduct training for all employees and to emphasize the use of safety systems on a regular basis.