Safe practices require that personal fall protection devices and/or procedures be used whenever an employee is exposed to a potential fall.

BE AWARE! Know where the roof edge is! Check for fall hazards! Use extra caution whenever you are within 6 feet of the edge!

Scope and Application:
- Roofing installation, replacement, repair, maintenance, and inspection
- Gutter and roof drain cleaning and maintenance (Does not include work on downspouts or other piping)
- Does not include framing or sheathing operations
- Does not include equipment maintenance and/or inspection

General Prohibitions: Restricted Conditions
These conditions require the use of fall protection regardless of the activity, unless there is a 42” guardrail or parapet.
- Any work on a clay tile roof where the potential perimeter fall height is more than 7-1/2 feet.
- Any work on a sheet metal roof that is wet, slippery, or has a pitch greater than 5:12 (22°) and has a potential perimeter fall height of more than 7-1/2 feet.
- Any work over glass at any height where there is the potential to fall through the glass. The fall protection system must be designed to prevent contact with the glass surface in the event of a fall.
- Any work on a roof with a pitch of 7:12 (30°) or greater that has a potential perimeter fall height of more than 7-1/2 feet.
- Any work within 6 feet of a skylight or opening unless the skylight or opening has an adequate cover, screen, or is protected by a guardrail. NOTE: A skylight is any clear or translucent roof surface.
- When using a pneumatic nailer on a roof with a pitch greater than 1:3 (14°) and a potential perimeter fall height of more than 7-1/2 feet.

General Requirements:
- Anyone working on a roof must have a means of requesting assistance either by radio, cell phone, or direct visual/audio contact with a co-worker with a radio or cell phone.
- Prior to any roof work requiring fall protection or subject to a fall protection plan personnel must confirm that they can contact University Police Dispatch (805) 756-2281. Use 911 for actual emergencies only.
- Any roof work, requiring fall protection or subject to a fall protection plan, must be done by a minimum crew of two people. Crews of two people are strongly recommended for all other roof work.
- Anyone working on a roof or wearing fall protection must be adequately trained.
- All fall protection plans must be written by a “qualified person” and implemented by a “competent person”.
- A fall hazard is removed when protected by a 42” tall guardrail or parapet.
- Roof work more than 6 feet from an edge or opening is allowed without fall protection unless the roof condition is restricted in the “General Prohibitions”.
- When accessing a roof through a hatch, close the hatch once on the roof to protect the hatch opening. NOTE: The hatch does not need to be latched, just closed.
- When accessing a roof from a fixed or portable ladder, fall protection is not required to cross the 6’ zone at the ladder unless the roof condition is restricted in the “General Prohibitions”.

Roofing Safety Procedures:
- Work is allowed, without fall protection, on any roof up to 20 feet in height unless the roof condition is restricted in the “General Prohibitions”.
- Work is allowed, without fall protection, on any roof over 20 feet in height if the roof edge has a 24” parapet wall, unless the roof condition is restricted in the “General Prohibitions”.
- Roof inspections (Inspection, measurement, and assessment ONLY) are allowed on any roof area not restricted in the “General Prohibitions”. The inspection must be performed by a crew of 2 when working above 20’. Special care must be taken to assess fall hazards.
Emergency Procedures:

- If a fall occurs attempt to self-rescue.
- If unable to self-rescue contact University Police Dispatch at 756-2281, 911, or by radio, as appropriate. Identify your location, that a fall has occurred, and that rescue is needed. Do not hang up until directed to do so by Dispatch personnel.