

## Residential Roofers Are you prepared for the job?

### Did you know?

- Working on a roof is a common source of falls that often results in serious injuries or fatalities.
- Contractors performing roofing work are responsible for all workers under their employ and must comply with the Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Act and Regulations.
- Fall protection equipment and measures must always be in place when work is being performed at height.
- If contractors are not complying with the safety requirements outlined in the OHS Act and Regulations, an OHS Officer can issue a stop work order until all corrective actions are taken.

### OHS enforcement activity:

The OHS Division of Digital Government and Service NL will conduct inspections of residential roofing projects to promote safety, prevent accidents, and protect workers. Here are some key actions to help you with compliance:

#### 1. Review Regulations:

- Know and follow the relevant OHS Regulations.
- Register your company with WorkplaceNL.

#### 2. Safety Policies and Procedures:

- Develop safety policies and procedures related to working at height, including fall protection plans and emergency response.

#### 3. Site-Specific Risk Assessment:

- Conduct site-specific risk assessments for each work area where employees will be working at heights.
- Identify potential hazards and implement appropriate control measures.

#### 4. Equipment Inspection and Maintenance:

- Regularly inspect and maintain all fall protection equipment and address any identified defects promptly.

#### 5. Employee Training:

- Regularly train workers on emergency procedures, evacuation routes, and safety policies and procedures and ensure they understand their responsibilities.
- Ensure that all workers who wear fall protection equipment have up-to-date fall protection training by a WorkplaceNL approved training provider.

#### 6. Documentation Organization:

- Maintain accurate records of training certificates, safety procedures, risk assessments and equipment inspections and keep such documents readily accessible.

#### 7. Cooperate with OHS Officers:

- When OHS Officers arrive at a worksite, cooperate fully and provide all requested information.
- Address any issues raised by OHS Officers during their inspection promptly.

**Resources:** [Working at Height \(workplacenl.ca\)](http://workplacenl.ca/Working-at-Height)

[gov.nl.ca/dgsnl/ohs](http://gov.nl.ca/dgsnl/ohs)

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