

# SAFETY NOTES

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Oregon Occupational Safety & Health Division  
Salem, OR 97310

## Fatality Report

Accident type ..... Fall  
Industry ..... Roofing  
Employee job title ..... Power-washer operator

### **Description of accident**

The employee was on the steep roof of a residence, without fall-arrest or fall-protection equipment, operating a hose connected to a power washer. The employee slipped, fell 20-25 feet onto a concrete patio, and suffered fatal head injuries.



### **Investigation findings**

The employer did not provide approved fall-protection equipment for the employee.

### **Applicable standards**

OAR 437-003-1501

*Except for specific exemptions, when employees are exposed to a hazard of falling 10 feet or more to a lower level, the employer shall ensure that fall protection systems are provided, installed and implemented.*