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Occupational Health Watch: April 2017

Spotlight on Skylight Falls for Workers Memorial Day

Skylights add natural sunlight to residential and commercial building interiors, but they can be hazardous to rooftop workers. From 2011-2015, eleven California workers died when they fell through skylights. The California Fatality Assessment and Control Evaluation (CA/FACE) program investigated two of these fatal falls (Report 16CA005 , Report 11CA004) and produced a five-minute digital story that explains how these tragedies can be prevented.



- Watch the video in English.
- Watch the video in Spanish.

Each year on April 28, Workers Memorial Day events commemorate those who have died on the job, and highlight efforts to prevent workplace deaths, illness and injury.

Falls continue to be a leading cause of workplace deaths in the construction industry for all workers. OHB encourages employers to join the National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction on May 8-12.

OHB's CA/FACE program provides prevention materials in English and Spanish.

Photo: A broken skylight where a person fell through while working on the roof.

Resources

Preventing Falls in Construction – CA/FACE web page

Workers Memorial Day Events

National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction

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