

FALLING OBJECTS

Falling objects on job sites can be extremely hazardous. However, you can protect yourself by following some basic safety tips

OSHA recommends that you always wear a hard-hat when work is being done overhead. When working at a height, you should also avoid stacking or storing materials and tools in a manner in which they can slide, fall or collapse on the ground or people below.

OSHA requires you to secure tools and materials anytime there is a risk of someone being struck-by a falling object. Use of toe boards, screens, debris nets, catch platforms and/or canopies are required to prevent or deflect an object from coming into contact with the ground. Barricades and warning signs are needed to keep people out of any hazard area. If you are required to work with machines or power tools, make sure that you are properly trained to do so. Prior to operating any power tools or machine, conduct an inspection to be sure that all guards are in place and in good working condition.

When working with machines and power tools, be aware that flying particles and objects could become projectile hazards. As a result, always wear safety glasses, goggles or face shields.

In the event you are working with cranes, hoists, bucket trucks or aerial lifts, it is important to avoid having anyone working directly under the boom or moving loads. Anytime this type of equipment is being used make sure it is inspected prior to use and that weight/capacity limits are never exceeded.

