

Employer Fined \$25,000 for Hoisting Failure



A worker sustained lacerations and contusions to the head and upper body while trying to lower a heavy piece of equipment from a building's roof. The counterweights on the manual hoist dislodged, causing the equipment, hoist and worker to fall about 12 feet into the box of a company truck below. The employer pleaded guilty to letting a worker work near a fall hazard without a fall arrest system and failing to ensure that the footings from a guardrail system weren't used as a counterweight on the roofer's hoist. It was fined \$25,000 [*M.J. Roofing & Supply Ltd.*, Govt. News Release, Oct. 2, 2014].