

Roofing Company, Supervisor & Two Workers Face OHS Charges



During two inspections, an OHS Officer saw workers on the roof who were using fall protection equipment incorrectly. For example, workers wore harnesses but didn't attach them to the existing anchorages or were connected incorrectly to the equipment. The supervisor wasn't present during either inspection. The roofing company was charged with failing to provide the necessary supervision to ensure the safety of workers and to ensure that workers were provided with a suitable fall protection system. The supervisor was charged with failing to ensure that workers under his supervision used equipment that's required under regulation. And two workers were charged with failing to use equipment provided for their protection in accordance with the instructions for use and training provided [McCarthy's Roofing Ltd., Govt. News Release, Aug. 1, 2014].