Workers Fined for Fall Protection Violations



During an inspection of a home construction site, an OHS officer saw workers on the roof using fall protection equipment incorrectly. Although they wore harnesses, the harnesses weren't attached to anchorages. But their employer had provided the required fall protection training to all four workers. They pleaded guilty to violating the OHS Act and regulations by failing to use equipment provided for protection in accordance with the instructions for use and the training received. The court fined three workers \$500 each and the fourth, who also held supervisory duties, \$750 [Govt. News Release, May 22, 2012].