



WEEKLY SAFETY TALK #2: TAILGATE DISCUSSION GUIDE

Steep-Slope Residential Roofing: What the Law Requires Up There

Foreman: work through these with the crew on site. Point at the actual roof, the actual gear. Then run the quick check and sign off.

TALK IT THROUGH (10 MINUTES, ON THE JOB SITE)

1 What is our roof pitch today, and who actually measured it?

Prompt: Is it steep slope or low slope, and why? Steeper than 4:12 is a steep roof, and warning lines and monitors stop being legal there (1926.500(b), 1926.501(b)(10)).

2 Which OSHA rules apply to this project, and why?

Prompt: Above 6 feet on a steep residential roof: guardrails with toeboards, safety nets, or personal fall arrest (1926.501(b)(13)). Which one is on OUR truck today, and why that one?

3 Who is first man up today, and what type of anchoring are we using?

Prompt: If the pitch is 6:12 to 12:12, a RidgePro could be installed from the ladder, tied off before boots touch the roof. Who is carrying it up, and where does it lock on?

4 What type of anchors are we using on this project, and what are they rated for?

Prompt: 5,000 pounds per attached worker, or engineered two-to-one under a Qualified Person (1926.502(d)(15)). Who installed ours, and did anyone check the manufacturer's instructions?

5 What state has the most strict trigger rule in the country?

Prompt: Washington triggers at 4 feet (WAC 296-880-20005); California requires protection at ANY height above 7:12 (T8 Section 1731). If we crossed a state line tomorrow, would our setup still pass?

QUICK CHECK: CIRCLE THE ANSWERS AS A CREW

1. A steep roof starts at: 3:12 4:12 6:12
2. Warning lines alone on an 8:12 residential roof are: Legal Not legal
3. The first anchor of the day gets installed: Standing on the roof From the ladder

CREW SIGN-OFF (29 CFR 1926.503(b) requires written training certification)

NAME (PRINT)	SIGNATURE	DATE

Foreman / competent person: _____ Job site: _____ Date: _____

Key: 1) 4:12 (1926.500(b)) 2) Not legal; steep roofs allow only rails, nets, or harnesses (1926.501(b)(13)) 3) From the ladder (1926.501(b)(13))
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