

# TOOLBOX TALKS

The Upside of Safety



## Rooftop Snow Removal

Every year, workers are killed or seriously injured while performing snow or ice removal from rooftops and other building structures, such as decks. Workers can fall off roof edges, through skylights, and from ladders and aerial lifts. A roof collapse can also hurt or fatally injure workers.

### Preventing Falls During Snow Removal

- Use methods that don't involve workers going on roofs, when and where possible. Examples:
  - Snow rakes
  - Aerial Lifts
  - Ladders



- Evaluate load bearing on the roof or structure
  - Depending on the amount of snow received, the roof might not be able to support the weight of the snow, worker, and equipment. Use caution by remaining alert to unexpected sounds or movement around the surface

- Use required fall protection equipment
  - Workers are already at a risk of a fall just by being on the roof. Add ice and snow and your chance of a fall increases. Make sure fall protection systems are in place before accessing the roof



- Use aerial lifts and ladders safely
  - Only trained workers can operate an aerial lift
  - Ensure the ladder is in good condition and set up properly before using.

