CODE OF SAFE PRACTICES
Roofing

This is an example of a Code of Safe Practices for roofing. This sample is to help the contractor create a Code of Safe Practices that fits his/her operations.

General

1. At all job sites prior to work commencing, the superintendent, or job foreman must review, inspect, and anticipate possible hazards and take proper safety precautions to reduce risk of injury to employees.
2. Any damage to scaffolds, false-work, or other supporting structures shall be immediately reported to the supervisor or foreman and repaired before use.
3. Barricades, a warning line system with safety monitor, and/or personal fall prevention system shall be used when working close to roof edges over 6' above lower surface. Warning Lines shall be no closer than 6' from the leading edge and shall include rope with flags no more than 6' apart.
4. Knotted hand lines shall not be used.
5. Workers shall not use or operate any roofing equipment, electrical equipment, or machinery unless they have been trained in the proper use and operation of such equipment or machinery.
6. Materials or other objects must not be thrown from buildings or structures unless proper precautions are taken to protect persons below from falling objects. Area must be barricaded and a spotter must be present on the ground to warn other personnel to avoid entering in the barricaded area.
7. Always use proper lifting techniques and body mechanics.
8. Employees must either team lift or use a dolly, cart, or other equipment to minimize the possibility of injuries when it is necessary to move an item(s) exceeding 50 pounds.
9. Heavy materials and equipment shall be placed in the immediate area of installation or use to minimize the potential for injuries from lifting or moving these items.
10. Carts and wheeled equipment/machinery should never be closer than 10' from the roof edge, nor should they be pulled backwards.
11. All roofing materials must be secured or tied down to prevent material from sliding or blowing off of roof.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

1. Work boots are required on all job sites. Inappropriate footwear or tennis shoes or work boots with worn out soles are prohibited.
2. Safety Glasses are required on all job sites.
3. Protective hand, face, and eye protection are to be worn when handling solvents and flammables.
4. Suitable hard hats shall be provided and must be worn by all roofers.
5. Personal protective equipment will be inspected periodically for damage and replaced when necessary.
6. Damaged hard hats will not be worn, and will be replaced or repaired before they are worn again.

Fall Hazards

1. Work shall be arranged so that employees are able to face ladders and use both hands while climbing.
2. Ladders shall be inspected prior to use. Damaged ladders are not to be used and should be returned to the shop for repair. Proper use of ladder shall include angle (ladder base to be ¼ the working length of ladder), firm level surface, extension 3' above roof, and anchored at rooftop and at the base to prevent movement during use.

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