Pre-use Checks for Specific Roofing Equipment Fatality File



Roofer Banned From Construction Industry By Ontario Court Due To Multiple Safety Violations

A roofer in Belleville, Ont., with a history of safety violations has been forced out of the construction business permanently by an Ontario court.

Steven Bell, sole proprietor of a roofing company, was given a suspended sentence – subject to a probationary order – that strips him of the right to work or employ anyone, directly or indirectly, in the construction industry.

What happened

On Sept. 5, 2020, a ministry inspector arrived at a roofing project for a two-storey multi-unit residence in the City of Quinte West, Ont.

The employer was on site, along with two workers. The inspector noticed that one of the workers was on the pitched roof of the structure, over three metres from the ground below, without any fall protection.

Section 26.1(2) of Ontario Regulation 213/91 (Construction Projects) states that a worker who is exposed to a fall of greater than three metres must use an approved method of fall protection. Section 25(1)(c) of the Occupational Health and Safety Act states that an employer must ensure all the regulations are followed at the workplace.

By failing to ensure workers wore appropriate fall protection equipment, Bell violated the Act.

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