

# Working with Skylights and Roof Openings

## Picture This



The image shows a worker handling a skylight on a sloped roof without visible fall protection. The individual appears to be wearing standard sneakers rather than proper slip-resistant footwear designed for roof work. Additionally, there are no safety harnesses, guardrails, or other fall protection measures in place, which are crucial when working at heights. The risk of falling through the skylight or off the roof is high, which could result in severe injuries or fatalities.

When working on skylights and roof openings, it is essential to use proper fall protection equipment, such as a safety harness with a secure anchor point or temporary guardrails around the opening. Workers should wear slip-resistant footwear to maintain stability on sloped or slippery surfaces. Skylights should be covered or properly marked to prevent accidental falls. Additionally, following OSHA regulations for fall protection and conducting a hazard assessment before starting work can significantly reduce the risk of accidents and ensure a safe working environment.