

OSHA Ruling Anchor Points

On December 16, 2010, OSHA issued directive STD 03-11-002 cancelling the long-standing OSHA directive STD 03-00-001, commonly referred to as the "Interim Fall Protection Rule". The cancelled directive basically allowed for passive fall protection in residential construction, safety boundary lines and/or safety monitors.

In a nutshell, the new directive requires that workers in both single and multi-family residential construction, implement active safety measures. OSHA allows three ways to do this:

- 1) Scaffolding the structure
- 2) Safety Netting
- 3) Fall Protection

Needless to say, for residential construction, scaffolding and safety netting can be problematic. Cost aside, how do these systems stay in place to keep all trades on the project safe throughout the entire project? How do workers on the structure after construction is completed comply with the ruling? This would include repairs and call backs, satellite dish installers, pressure washers, roof repair and so on.

Super Anchor Safety is the preferred manufacturer of both permanent and temporary anchor points. These anchors allow everyone working on the structure to be tied off, safe and compliant. Permanent anchors installed on the roof provide anyone working on the roof to be tied off in a safe, compliant manner.

Given to complexity and individuality of jobsites, trades and building design, Super Anchor has a wide range of anchor solutions.

The absolute way to solve the problem is to get an anchor point on the roof. With no anchorage point it is very difficult to solve the fall protection issue. Permanent roof anchors installed at the framing stage (ARS Series) or after the roofing has been applied (RS Series) is a good place to start.

Here are the most popular anchors:

- ARS Series: These anchors are installed at the framing stage of new construction. They solve the problem of providing fall protection for the life of the house. From the Framers to the Gutter Installer, all have an anchor to tie-off to for safety and OSHA compliance.



- RS Series: The RetroFit anchor is specifically designed for preexisting homes. The anchor installed under the ridge cap with 8 nails. Quick, easy, affordable fall protection. There are different variations of the RetroFit anchor – RS-20, RS-10 and Tile Roof Retro. All are made of stainless steel and feature coated D-rings for connecting your personal fall protection system.



- Temporary Anchors: Framers, roofers, siders, window installers, and all the other dozen or so trades will need temporary/reusable anchors at some point in time. We have anchors that can install with screws, nails, or just wrap around the top chord.



Super Anchor Safety is able to provide the solutions that the residential trades need.