Hazard Alert

Hazard Summary:

As winter retreats and temperatures rise, there are more individuals working on roofs to remove snow. For some, this means working without the necessary fall protection.

This poses a significant risk to individuals because serious or fatal injuries can occur from falling.

Hazard Location:

Working at heights greater than three metres.

What the Legislation Says:

The Northwest Territories *Occupational Health and Safety Regulations*, Section 108. (1), states:

Before using a lifeline or lanyard, a worker shall ensure that the lifeline or lanyard is:

(a) free of imperfections, knots and splices, other than end terminations;

(b) protected by padding where the lifeline or lanyard passes over sharp edges; and

(c) protected from heat, flame or abrasive or corrosive materials during use.

The Nunavut General Safety Regulations, Section 57, states:

A worker shall wear a lanyard, lifeline and safety-belt or body harness where that worker is working at an elevation of 3 m (10 ft.) or more above grade or floor level, and where it is impracticable to provide adequate work platforms or guarding.

Safe Work Practices:

Workers **must use** fall protection to prevent them from falling off a roof. This could include one, or a combination of, the following systems:

- Fall restraint system;
- Fall arrest system;
- Guarding with barriers and guard railing;
- Work platforms; or
- Safety nets.

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