

EXPERIENCE IS NOT ENOUGH

In September 2012, a construction worker lost his life when he fell down this unprotected shaft.

To prevent an accident:

- Floor and shaft openings must have fall protection (guardrails, cable, netting, and a solid barrier or solid planking).
- Workers in and around an unprotected, open floor or shaft must wear a safety harness - which is properly connected to a lifeline.
- Review and follow guardrail and toeboard requirements in NYC Building Code §3307.8 and §3307.8.1.

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Protect your life – and the lives of others. **Falling is the most common cause of construction fatalities.** Employers must provide a safe work environment to protect you from falling.

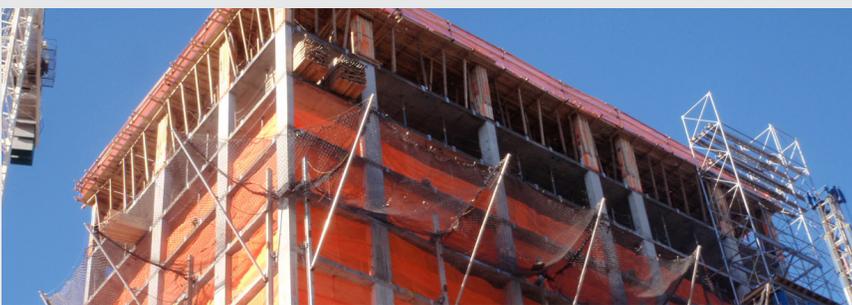
Be aware of your surroundings, especially around edges, shafts and floor openings. And never work near an open floor or open shaft without proper fall protection.



Shaftway Opening Protection



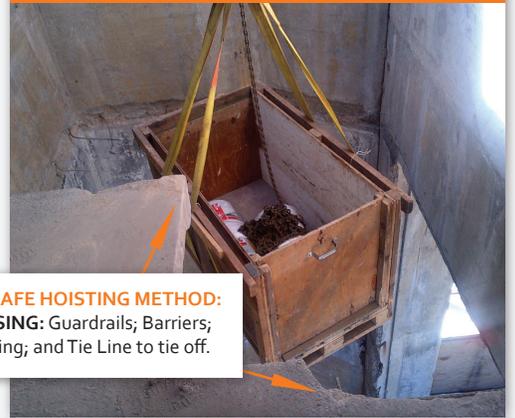
Floor Opening Protection



Edge Protection

A guardrail prevents people without harnesses from falling down an open shaft or off an open edge. Above are a few examples of guardrail systems that can prevent falls.

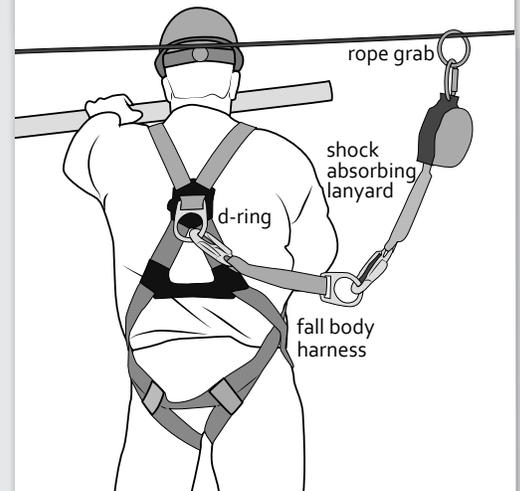
Dangerous Condition



UNSAFE HOISTING METHOD:
MISSING: Guardrails; Barriers;
Netting; and Tie Line to tie off.

A worker died after falling off this edge. He would have been protected if this site had the proper fall protections installed and safer hoisting methods were used.

It's your right to have a safety harness — ask your supervisor for one.



Always use one when working above a six-foot drop — and always connect to the lifeline. Take an OSHA 10-hour training program to learn how to protect yourself.

Call 311 to report dangerous conditions.