



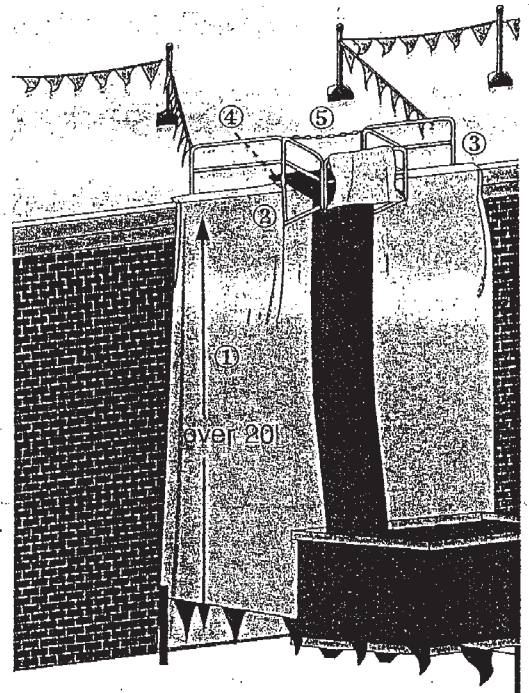
Roof Trash Removal

☛ Roofing projects create large amounts of trash that need to be controlled.

- Good housekeeping is important on a roof.
- Poor housekeeping creates slipping, tripping, falling, and puncture hazards.
- Poor housekeeping also creates an unprofessional image.
- On roofs less than 20 feet high, trash and debris can be tossed off by hand but a guardrail system must be used to prevent falls.

☛ Trash chutes provide one of the safer methods for removing trash from the roof.

- ① Trash chutes are required when roofs are more than 20 feet high.
- ② They must be secured to the building.
- ③ A guardrail system should be placed around and behind the chute.
- ④ Nail a 2" x 4" piece of lumber just in front of the opening of the chute to provide a stop for a wheelbarrow. This will make it easier to tip and dump the load.
- ⑤ A chain should be put across the opening to the trash chute when there is no activity at the chute.



☛ Do not overload wheelbarrows.

- Keep the load low and balanced when transporting trash to the chute.
- When turning a wheelbarrow, lean your body slightly into the turn.
- If the wheelbarrow gets away from you, let it go. It is better than pulling a muscle.
- On hot days, material can stick to the wheelbarrow making tipping dangerous. Either keep the material wet; or haul smaller loads.
- Larger loads may require the use of a heavy duty dump cart with two front wheels, or power equipment with trailers.

☛ Using cranes to remove debris creates additional concerns for roof safety.

- A guardrail needs to be placed between the worker and the edge of the roof. Positioning devices with body harnesses must be used when a segment of the guardrail is removed.
- All personnel must stay out from under the suspended load.
- When working with, or around, cranes hard hats must be worn.

Roof Trash Removal Training Tips

- Try to have the meeting in the vicinity of the trash handling area, with guardrails set.
- Encourage discussion about handling trash on roofing projects.
- Ask the following questions:
 - At what height are trash chutes required?
 - Why must employees stay out from under loads lifted by a crane?