

# Falling For Excuses

A Residential Fall Protection Forum

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## Numbers

Falls are #1 one cause of death in construction.

### Residential Construction Worker Fatalities

545 between 2005 -2009

191 from roofs

44 in 2012

Versus 23 commercial

9 in Michigan between 2011-2013

These data do not include disabling injuries from falls.

# Numbers

Comparative data from iCasualties.org, an organization that tracks coalition military fatalities, and the U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics:

2003 - 2012

- US Military deaths in Afghanistan & Iraq = 6599
  - 2,000,000+ US personal deployed (3 for every 1,000 deployed)
- US Citizen deaths on roadways = 313,364
  - 315,000,000 people in US, most use the roads (1 for every 1,000 users)
- US Citizen deaths at work = 52,104
  - 132 million employed (4 for every 10,000 workers)

# Numbers

Residential construction deaths from Falls = 508

Commercial construction deaths from Falls = 294

## Why the Difference?



## Standard

- In 1994, OSHA issued its new Fall Protection in Construction standard
- Michigan adopted the Federal Standard
- The standard requires residential construction employers to use conventional fall protection with an exception:
- In the case of infeasibility, residential construction employers are required by the standard to write a site-specific plan that provides for alternative methods to protect workers from falls.

# Resources

- [OSHA's Fall Prevention Campaign:](http://www.osha.gov/stopfalls)  
[www.osha.gov/stopfalls](http://www.osha.gov/stopfalls)

- MIOSHA Residential Fall Protection Initiative:

[www.michigan.gov/mioshastrategicplan](http://www.michigan.gov/mioshastrategicplan)

