



SAFETY BULLETIN

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WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

On January 9th, 2015, Mervin Simpson got up the same as he did every morning, probably had breakfast, then went off to work. Just another day. He may have said “good bye”, maybe “have a good day”, hopefully “I love you” to his daughter, Cadence.

Mervin worked for an Edmonton roofing company. I don't know their safety policies, don't know if they had any at all, but Mervin ended up on a roof, and he was not tied off. More questions, of course.....was he wearing a harness, and like so many others didn't attach it to anything? Did he not bother with the harness, because as we all know, 'it will never happen to me'?

I don't know where his foreman was, or if he even had one.

What I do know is that he is dead. Falling off of a roof can do that to you. Age 36. That may seem old to some of you, but to me he was just a kid.

Do you think he was planning on dying that day when the alarm went off? Probably not. Otherwise it would have been pointless to dress for the weather or tie his shoes. No, I think he had every intention on coming home for supper.

Ours is a dangerous business. Every day there are a dozen things that could go wrong and kill us. That is why we do FLHA's, inspections and Toolbox meetings. They are all designed to make us THINK about what we are doing, every minute we are doing it.

So, I don't know, I guess it is all up to you. You can pay attention to what we say, and do everything in your power to work safely all day, every day. Tell your supervisor should you see a hazardous situation.....or not.

If not, please remember to tell your kids that you love them, every day. Just in case.