



# Fragile roofs

A roof that is covered with fragile material  
(a material for covering a roof whose strength is not safe for carrying the weight of a person)



## DO

- ✓ A thorough inspection of the roof must be carried out on all its components, by an engineer/construction engineer, before climbing on it.
- ✓ Work on roofs must only be carried out by workers who have been trained and certified by an instructor for working at height, and who have a valid permit to work on roofs  
Assess and manage possible risks and take additional safety measures as needed.
- ✓ Safe ways of access and ascent must be installed for passing over fragile material.
- ✓ Work should only be done when several tread boards are placed, adjacent to each other, which aim to distribute the load on the roof frame.
- ✓ Workers must be equipped with safety harnesses and fall arrest systems, which will be anchored to anchor points, when there is a risk of falling through the roof.
- ✓ Workers and their equipment must be kept at least 3.25 meters away from power lines with a voltage of up to 33 kilovolts, or at least 5 meters from power lines with a voltage exceeding 33 kilovolts.



## DON'T

- ✗ A person shall not work on a fragile or steep roof unless measures have been taken to prevent him from falling. The structure of the roof, its fragility, its slope or the influence of the weather must be taken into account.
- ✗ Do not work on a roof where a warning sign "Caution, fragile roof" has not been displayed.
- ✗ Do not work on a fragile roof except in the presence of a suitable stepping board.
- ✗ Do not work on a fragile roof except in the presence of another worker.
- ✗ Do not put a load on a roof at a certain point that would endanger the integrity of the roof or its stability unless this is necessary under the circumstances. Measures must be taken to distribute the load and prevent danger.
- ✗ Do not step on an unsupported edge of a fragile roof and do not lean a ladder on it.
- ✗ Do not perform intentionally or without reasonable cause an action that could endanger an employee or others.
- ✗ Work must not be performed on a fragile roof where the area of danger below and near it is not fenced in such a way as to prevent a person's access to it, except for workers related to the execution of the work and those for whom there is a necessity to be there.

