

# Rules for Working Safely on a Roof

1. Follow all posted instructions, policies, and roof-specific rules.
2. Students and the general public are prohibited from accessing roofs with a wall or guard rail less than 39 inches high (leading edge), without prior written EHS approval.
3. Do not go within 15 feet of the edge of a roof (leading edge) or a wall opening (at least 18" wide by 30" tall), unless you have the authorization, training, and personal protective equipment to do so.
4. Follow all instructions from authorized faculty/staff or you may be subject to removal from roof and/or disciplinary action.
5. For staff and faculty only: if severe weather threatens, exit roof unless authorized to remain. **Students and the general public are never authorized on roofs during severe weather.**
6. Notify UTPD at 512-471-4441 of unauthorized people on roofs.
7. Secure unused tools on the roof and remove them when job is completed.
8. Students, faculty, and the general public must leave the roof if dangerous conditions arise.
9. No horseplay or running on the roof, only legitimate University activities are permitted.
10. Do not throw any object off roofs (unless you obtain prior written authorization from EHS).

The University is undergoing a comprehensive project to determine and implement fall protection methods on University roofs. It will take several years to complete this project. During this transition period it may not always be possible to comply with all the parts of rule #3. However, it is the responsibility of supervisors/managers to take the necessary precautions to protect their employees.