

# U.S. Dept. of Labor: Cites Wisconsin contractor for repeatedly exposing workers to falls

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**APPLETON, WI** – The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) cited Carlos Ketz, who operates as Ketz Roofing, for the sixth time in the past five years for exposing employees to falls. OSHA proposed penalties totaling \$48,777.

OSHA inspectors cited the roofing contractor – based in Menasha, Wisconsin – after observing employees working without adequate fall protection on a commercial building in Appleton.

“Employers are required to provide fall protection to employees working in construction at heights above 6 feet,” said OSHA Appleton Area Office Director Robert Bonack. “Ketz Roofing’s repeated failure to comply with federal safety requirements exposes employees to fatal injuries from falls, which remains the leading cause of fatalities in the construction industry.”

The company has 15 business days from receipt of [citations and penalties](#) to comply, request an informal conference with OSHA’s area director, or contest the findings before the independent [Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission](#).

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. OSHA’s role is to

ensure these conditions for America's working men and women by setting and enforcing standards, and providing training, education, and assistance. For more information, visit <https://www.osha.gov>.

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