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Preventing Falls Through Skylights: A New 'Digital Story' for Workers Memorial Day

"Everybody seems to think that we're invincible. At least I used to think that."

So begins a digital story about Joe, a 45-year old roofing supervisor in California who died tragically after he fell through a warehouse roof skylight while on the job. He fell 30 feet onto a floor, and died from his injuries.

OHB's [California Fatality Assessment and Control Evaluation \(CA/FACE\) program](#) produced a five-minute digital story with two of Joe's co-workers highlighting the events that led up to his death and what could have been done to prevent it. The moving video will be used by roofers and others in trainings to prevent similar fatalities from occurring. [Watch the skylight video](#)



The video will be promoted as Workers Memorial Day events commemorate workers who gave their lives for their work and highlight efforts to prevent workplace deaths. Workers Memorial Day is April 28.

- Los Angeles: April 25 [Workers Memorial Day Commemoration](#).
- Oakland: April 26 [Workers Memorial Day Commemoration](#).

This CA/FACE video and a previous [digital story](#) about a solar installer who died when he stepped backwards off a roof have been promoted by the Federal OSHA and National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) [Campaign to Prevent Falls in Construction](#).

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