



Remember When...

It's interesting to see how safety has visibly changed over the years. I was recently sent a series of old pictures showing the construction of the Empire State Building and the Golden Gate Bridge in the 1930's. These photos show workers hanging from beams and doing their work at amazing heights ... with absolutely no fall protection or personal protective equipment.

I was surprised to learn that only seven people died while constructing the Empire State Building and eleven at the Golden Gate Bridge. Not bad considering the lack of personal protection.

Guess they had better balance back then, because sadly, in spite of all the safety equipment, precautions, and regulations we have around now-a-days, falls are the fourth leading cause of occupational death, accounting for 12% of all fatalities. Folks, if you've got to work up high, whether it's on a twenty-foot ladder or a two-hundred-foot high scaffold make sure you're equipped with the appropriate gear to save your be-hind if you do fall.