

# Rebar Caps

Rebar caps are designed to be installed on the ends of rebar to protect workers against cuts, abrasions, and scratches while they are working around the rebar.

The mushroom-shaped caps are not designed or intended to guard against impalement if a worker falls onto the rebar.

For employees working at any height above exposed rebar (or above any other exposed sharp objects that could impale), fall prevention or protection is the first line of defense, and must be used.

Fall prevention or protection is also applicable when the rebar is below grade (such as in a footing or excavation), where a fall into a trench would present an impalement hazard.

An impalement hazard may exist should a worker fall from a work area that is above short rebar sticking up from the floor.

Even if the fall is less than six feet (the height at which OSHA requires that fall prevention or protection must be used), fall prevention or protection would be required or, according to OSHA, the rebar would “have to be protected to eliminate the impalement hazard.”

Rebar caps will not meet OSHA requirements for impalement protection.

The familiar mushroom shaped plastic caps covering the sharp ends of rebar are adequate for protection from scratches, scrapes or abrasions only.

They are not adequate protection against impalement.

Fall prevention or protection is the first line of defense against impalement.

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