Falls accounted for about 13 percent of fatal work injuries in 2008.

Of the 700 fatal falls in 2008, more than one-third were falls from roofs or ladders.

Falls from scaffolds and staging, falls from nonmoving vehicles, and falls on the same level each accounted for about one-tenth of fatal falls.

Fatal falls, by type of fall, 2008

In percent

- From roof: 18%
- From ladder: 17%
- From scaffold, staging: 10%
- From nonmoving vehicle: 13%
- On same level: 13%
- From floor, dock, or ground level: 6%
- From building girders or structural steel: 5%
- Down stairs or steps: 4%
- Other or unknown: 15%

Total = 700

NOTE: Percentages may not add to totals because of rounding.