



May 26 — Almost Done Isn't Done

Guy was coming down on a lift and was slowly taking off his harness before reaching the ground	I got his attention and told him he needed to have it on at all times while on a lift
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The work was basically finished.

Coming down. Wrapping up. Getting ready to move on.

That's when the harness came loose. Not all the way. Just starting to take it off. Because the hard part was already done.

That's what it feels like. You're on your way down. You're almost out of it. The risk feels like it's behind you.

But it's not. You're still elevated. Still exposed. Still one movement away from losing balance.

And once that connection is gone, there's nothing left between you and the fall.

No second chance to clip back in. No time to fix it. But the decision was made before the exposure was gone.

The correction was simple. Stay tied off until you're completely out of the hazard.

Because "almost done" is where people let their guard down. And that's when it still matters.

Hazards

- Fall from elevation
- Loss of balance while descending
- Premature removal of fall protection
- Misjudging when exposure ends
- Line of fire exposure to gravity

Stats

- Falls often occur during access/egress, not just active work
- Many incidents happen at the end of tasks when focus drops
- Removing protection early is a common contributing factor
- Proper use of fall protection must continue until fully clear

Words of Wisdom

- Almost done isn't done
- Stay tied off until you're clear
- The last step still counts

Pause and Think

The end of a task feels different.

You're already thinking about what's next.

Mentally moving on.

Letting your guard down just a little.

That's when mistakes show up.

Because the exposure hasn't changed only your focus has.

- Do I stay protected all the way through the task?
- Do I start removing PPE before I'm clear?
- Am I mentally checking out before the job is finished?
- Would I catch this before it becomes a problem?