

5 Alarming Reasons Why DIY Roof Repair is Never a Good Idea

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Let's face it. We rarely think about our roofs. But they're up there every day taking a beating from the brutal sun, wind, rain and sometimes snow. Over time, they get damaged and need roof repair. And you may not notice it immediately because you're on the ground.

Once discovered, there are some reasons you may want to try a DIY roof repair, but before you do, check out these shocking reasons that's not generally the best course of action.

1. Life-Threatening Injuries

Three-fourths of all roof fatalities are caused by falls. And one-third of all construction deaths happen because someone falls off a roof. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, over half of these fatalities happened on roofs 20-feet or less.

These are professionals falling off roofs. While you might be very handy around the house, if the risks are this high for professionals, it's not hard to see why the average person should avoid home improvement tasks that involve getting on the roof.

Leave repairs to roof repair specialists who know the risks and can take precautions.

2. Water Damage

You may have heard that your "home is only as good as your roof". That's because if water can get past the roof it may not just come down in a straight line like you see in the movies. It can infiltrate the attic and work its way down through the walls, onto the flooring, appliances and furniture.

The average cost of rain water damage clean up is \$2700 in Utah. But it can exceed \$7000 if walls and floors have to be replaced or the roof repair leak goes undetected, creating a mold situation.

3. Wrong Tools for Roof Repair

You may get all kinds of roof repair tips from neighbors, but here's what's important. Like any home repair job, the right tools make all the difference. They:

- *Make the job faster*
- *Reduce risk of injury*
- *Prevent roof repair leak after the job is done*

Working with the wrong tools could damage not only a shingle, but the boards underneath, which creates a much bigger home repair issue than you initially thought you were fixing.

4. Minor Issues Can Become Big Ones Later

On that note, minor problems can become big ones later. On face value, roofing seems straightforward. But those who do professional roof repair services can tell you it isn't. They must consider a lot of factors and apply effective strategies to water-proof your roof.

If the roof is improperly repaired, it leaves your home open to water damage risk that should have been eliminated. What was a small repair becomes something much bigger to deal with.

5. Void the Warranty

Most roofs have warranties. These could be for 20, 30 or even 50 years. But improperly doing a roof repair Utah is one of the fastest ways to make it null and void.

Repairing Your Roof

Few home projects are as dangerous as repairing your roof not to mention the potential costs of getting it wrong. We're licensed and insured and offer a 50-year workmanship warranty so you can get it done right. Contact us to get your free estimate.