Technical Bulletin

Guidelines for Walking on Roof Tile Surfaces

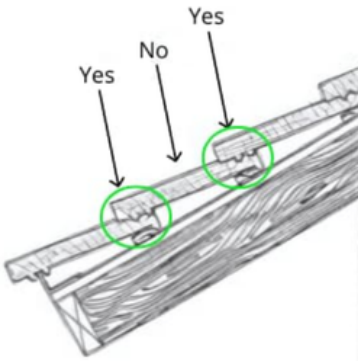
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Whether it's for seasonal inspections, routine maintenance, or a quick cleanup, at some point, someone will have to set foot on your roof. Stepping in the wrong spot can lead to cracked, broken, or displaced tiles. While tile roofscapes are durable and resilient, you must take care of them to preserve their condition.

Often, roof tile manufacturers specifically do not warrant breakage due to foot traffic, so it is important that caution be exercised when doing so.

It is highly recommended that you hire a licensed and bonded roofing contractor to do the job and avoid walking on the roof yourself altogether.





For professionals walking on a tile roof, it is recommended to **step on the bottom three inches of the installed tile.** This section is supported by the lapped tile beneath it and the weight is then transferred to the deck below. Orient your feet in a direction parallel with the ridge and try to distribute your weight evenly, avoiding point-loading the tile.

On high barrel tiles, such as Eagle Roofing Products' Capistrano concrete roof tile profile, you should **distribute your weight with the heel and toe on the high points of adjacent tiles.** If tiles are broken, you'll want to have them replaced as soon as possible to avoid damage to the underlayment from water intrusion and exposure to the ultraviolet rays of the sun.



You will also want to **stay away from hips, ridges, and valleys** to avoid breaking cut tiles that could be more difficult to replace.

Whether your roof needs a simple cleaning or a deeper inspection, hire an experienced tile roofing contractor to complete the work and ensure they are aware of how to properly step on tiles to avoid breakage. Any work done by outside trades (i.e. painters, solar installers, window cleaners, exterminators, etc.) should be inspected by a professional roofing contractor after the work is completed and any repairs should made.

For more information, contact your local Eagle Account Representative by visiting eagleroofing.com.