



# Toms River Fire Department

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## Training Bulletin

Title: Ventilating Metal Deck Truss Roofs

**Scope:** Fires in Commercial, Strip Mall, Taxpayer, Mercantile and any occupancy or building that has a metal deck truss roof.

Firefighters should not ventilate a metal deck truss roof over top of a working fire until the fire is under control. The reason behind this is a metal deck roof will have a tendency to fold or pitch down once the initial cuts are being made due to the spacing of the trusses. This may result in firefighters falling into fire. Roof ventilation should be used after the fire is under control to vent smoke.

Vertical ventilation of Wood deck roofs on substantial joists that are 16 inches on center is still deemed to be a reasonable tactic.

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