

SAFETY MEETING TOPIC

This form shall be completed and kept on file

Job Name _____ Location _____ Job No. _____
Meeting Leader _____ Title _____
Date Held _____ Place _____ Time _____
Subject of Meeting _____ **FALL HAZARDS SAFETY TALK** _____

Falls from elevations are a major safety hazard for construction employees. Falls are the leading contributor to serious injuries and deaths in the construction industry, accounting for one-third of all fatalities.

Observing existing precautions in OSHA's Construction Standards can prevent injury and death from falls. Fall hazards exist when work must be performed on elevated surfaces; protection must be provided. Fall protection requirements go into effect when the surface is 6' or more above the next lowest level. Acceptable fall protection for activities associated with the construction industry include the use of guardrails, safety nets, hole covers, warning lines and monitors, controlled access zones and personal fall arrest systems. Use the following protection according to the surface and work you are performing.

WORKING SURFACE

Unprotected sides and edges (any unprotected side or edge of a roof, floor, ramp, etc.)

Leaning edge (edge of floor, roof, etc., where work is performed)

Hoist areas

Holes

Wall openings

Dangerous equipment

CONSTRUCTION

Guardrail, Net, Personal Fall Arrest System (PFAS)

Guardrail, Net, PFAS, or Fall Protection Plan

Guardrail, PFAS (employee working through opening or access must have PFAS)

Covers, PFAS, guardrail

Guardrail, Net, PFAS

Guards or Guardrails, Nets, PFAS less than 6 ft.

Fall protection also includes protection from the hazards of falling objects. Toeboards at the base of a guardrail at least 3½" high, canopies, or barricades must be used to prevent objects from falling onto workers at lower levels. A screen should be used as needed to keep objects from falling. It should extend from the top rail to the walking/working surface.

In addition to the general fall protection precautions, OSHA has specific regulations for other elevated work surfaces. When working with scaffolds, stairways and ladders, other precautions apply. If your work involves these surfaces, special training will be provided.