RESCUE PLAN CHECKLIST

What do you do if someone falls and becomes suspended toward the top of the tower? Would you know how to get that person down? A rescue plan helps everyone understand what to do before a fall.

Following are some important components of a rescue plan.

☐ Gain an understanding of the physical environment you will be working in.
☐ Determine the proximity of a professional rescue team.
☐ Determine if 911 works from the area where you would be calling.
☐ Determine approximate response time for 911 responders.
☐ Understand the type of rescue that may be necessary (lowering a victim from a ladder, platform or manbasket).
☐ Determine who is trained to do the rescue.
☐ Decide if the rescuers will be on-site or stand-by. If stand-by, determine the response time.
☐ Perform a job safety analysis of the rescue.
    – Is the victim clear of obstructions when s/he is lowered?
    – Does the lifeline deploy correctly?
    – Is the lifeline long enough?
    – Can you see the victim throughout the entire rescue operation?

In addition to having a plan, it is also important to have rescue equipment and supplies on site and ready to be used.

☐ Rescue devices that can raise or lower a victim, such as a controlled rate descent device
☐ Ropes and lifelines rated for rescue and evacuation
☐ Rolling edge protectors or Velcro edge protectors to protect the rope from sharp edges and abrasion
☐ Designated anchor points for rescue equipment (rated at least 3100 pounds)
☐ Anchor straps and carabiners for making an anchor point when one is not available or convenient
☐ First aid kit and defibrillator