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Fall Prevention/Fall Protection Student Manual

PREFACE

SCOPE AND APPLICATION

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The contents of this Fall Prevention/Fall Protection Student Manual were primarily derived from OSHA's fall protection standards at 29 CFR 1926 Subpart M, OSHA 3146-05R 2015 Fall Protection in Construction, and OSHA 3666-04 2014 Fall Prevention Training Guide. Contributions come from OSHA Technical Manual: Fall Protection in Construction Section 4, Susan Harwood Grant #SH26315-SH4, Case Studies from Susan B. Harwood Grant #SH22317-SH11, OSHA Letters of Interpretation, OSHA Fact Sheets and Posters, and Fall Protection: Responding to Emergencies: F417-208-000 from Washington Industrial Safety & Health Division (WISHA). Information is also mentioned from other OSHA standards related to fall protection (see list in Appendix C) including requirements for scaffolds, steel erection, general industry standards, and stairways & ladders.

Purpose

The purpose of the **Fall Prevention/Fall Protection** course is to provide the knowledge and skills needed to perform work on elevated platform using safe work practices.

Upon successful completion of this training, each course participant will be able to:

- Recognize the importance of fall protection
- Explain employer responsibilities and the roles of qualified and competent persons
- Explain the difference between Fall Prevention and Fall Protection
- Use a Personal Fall Arrest System safely
- Plan for the safe use of guardrail systems, safety net systems, fall restraint systems, positioning device systems, and ladders

Course Description

Participants in the 4-Hour **Fall Protection/Fall Prevention** course will learn the following modules:

- Module 1: Introduction to Fall Protection
- Module 2: Fall Arrest System
- Module 3: Fall Protection System
- Module 4: Other Fall Hazards: Ladders

Participants will demonstrate the following Skills Assessments that must be documented as part of the Fall Prevention/Fall Protection course completion:

- #1 Inspection of Equipment
- #2 Harness Application
- #3 PFAS Setup
- #4 Self-Rescue
- #5 Ladder Safety

Training Course Agenda

Registration, Introduction, Pre-Test	15 minute discuss/test	8:30 – 8:45
Module 1: Introduction to Fall Protection	15 minute lecture	8:45 – 9:00
Module 2: Fall Arrest System	25 minute lecture	9:00 – 9:25
Skills Assessments #1, #2, #3 & #4	35 minute	9:25 – 10:00
Break	10 minutes	10:00 – 10:10
Module 3: Fall Prevention Systems	20 minute lecture	10:10 – 10:30
Module 4: Other Fall Hazards: Ladders	15 minutes	10:30 – 10:45
Skills Assessments #5	25 minute	10:45 – 11:10
Break	10 minute	11:10 – 11:20
Case Study Group Discussion	25 minute	11:20 – 11:45
Test	30 minute	11:45 – 12:15
Wrap-up	15 minutes	12:15 – 12:30

Pre-Test – Answer Key

Fall Protection/Fall Prevention

Instructions – For each question select the most appropriate answer.

1. The average fatal fall is only 6 feet.
 - a. True
 - b. False
2. A fall from a height of 11 feet has an 8 out of 10 chance of causing death.
 - a. True
 - b. False
3. The OSHA requirements for fall prevention/fall protection in the Construction Industry and in General Industry are the same.
 - a. True
 - b. False
4. Fall Restraint prevents workers from reaching a point/edge where a fall could happen.
 - a. True
 - b. False
5. A Fall Protection System is allowed as long as the potential for a free fall does not exceed 6 feet and the maximum force on the body does not exceed 1,800 pounds.
 - a. True
 - b. False
6. Guardrails and platforms are not forms of Fall Restraint.
 - a. True
 - b. False
7. A full body harness is not always necessary for fall protection.
 - a. True
 - b. False
8. What are some of the things can you do when your clearance is less than 18 feet?
 - a. Shorten your lifeline
 - b. Raise your anchoring point
 - c. Use a self-retractable line
 - d. All of the above
9. Falls to the same level represent 50% of all falls.
 - a. True
 - b. False

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