



PREPARING FOR OSHA'S NEW FALL PROTECTION STANDARDS

(29 CFR Part 1926, Subpart M)



1. DO YOU WORK IN RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION?

Residential construction is defined by two criteria:

1. The end use of the structure must be as a home or dwelling and
2. The structure must be constructed using traditional wood frame construction materials and methods (limited use of steel I-beams to support wood framing does not disqualify a structure from being considered residential construction).

2. DO YOU HAVE FALL PROTECTION EXPOSURES?

YES, I have workers who are "engaged in residential construction activities six feet (1.8 m) or more above lower levels."

3. DO YOU HAVE FALL PROTECTION IN PLACE AS DESCRIBED IN 29 CFR PART 1926, SUBPART M?

YES, I have workers who are protected by guardrail systems, safety net system, or personal fall arrest system.

YES, I have workers who are protected by the alternative fall protection measures allowed under 1926.501(b) for particular types of work. These alternative methods include:

- Controlled access zones and control lines
- Covers
- Positioning devices
- Barricades, fences and covers
- Equipment guards
- Warning line system and safety monitoring system (combination)

4. DO YOU HAVE A WRITTEN, SITE SPECIFIC PLAN?

YES. It is not feasible or will create a greater hazard to use the required fall protection systems. Instead, I have a written, site specific plan that

- Was prepared by a qualified person,
- Addresses all issues related to fall protection at that site in compliance with 29 CFR 1926.502(k),
- Includes documentation of reasons why conventional fall protection systems are infeasible or create a greater hazard.

5. DO YOU HAVE THE PROPER TRAINING IN PLACE?

YES, I train my employees to recognize potential fall hazards and the procedures necessary to minimize those hazards. This training includes:

- The types of fall hazards in the work area.
- How to build, maintain, disassemble, and inspect the fall protection systems.
- How to use and operate the fall protection systems.
- Subpart M requirements.

YES, I maintain documentation of the latest training certification.

YES, I retrain my employees when there are changes in the fall protection systems used on jobsites or in the workplace as well as when I have identified inadequacies in an employee's knowledge or use of fall protection.



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