Fall Protection

Applicable Regulations and Policies:
29CFR1926; Subpart M, Fall Protection
29CFR1910, Subpart D, Walking-Working Surfaces
EHS 120 Fall Protection

Applicability:
All ASU employees who may be exposed to potential hazards associated with working on elevated surfaces.

Requirements:
Supervisors:
- Address any unsafe or hazardous conditions.
- Ensure that inspection of fall protection equipment in their area occurs in the timeframe specified in this document.
- Ensure that prompt rescue, typically this is thirty minutes or less, of employees can occur by calling emergency services.
- Immediately take out of service any defective or damaged equipment. Ensure that equipment is either serviced or replaced.
- Notify EHS if a fall occurs.
- Responsible for employees working at an elevated surface at heights of six feet or more are required to develop a fall protection plan based on requirements identified in EHS guidelines and training.
- Responsible for identifying personnel required to work on elevated surfaces and for complying with all training and safety measures identified by this policy.
- Supervisors will maintain surveillance of work conditions in all places where employees for whom they are directly responsible work, as well as employee exposures and stress.

Employees:
- Adhere to manufacturer specifications for the safe operation of all equipment.
- Complete Fall Protection Training.
- Complying with all applicable rules and regulations.
- Ensure that while working at heights, hazards are not created for personnel below.
- Immediately report damaged or defective personal fall arrest or restraint systems components to the supervisor.
- Inspect all the components of fall protection systems and personal fall protection equipment prior to use.
- Maintain all PPE required to work safely at heights.
- Report any defective building structures such as anchor points or guardrails to Facilities Management.
- Report any unsafe or hazardous conditions to their supervisor and report all falls immediately to their supervisors.
- Responsible for the safety and health of employees and co-workers and must adhere to the requirements of this program.
- Wearing all required personal protective equipment or PPE.

Recordkeeping:
Facilities Management is to maintain records of certification and testing of each anchor point related to fall protection.
**Equipment:**

**Passive Fall Protection Systems:**
- Active Fall Protection Systems which include, but not limited to, certified anchorage points, body harness, lanyard, self-retracting lifeline, rope grab, deceleration device and positioning belt.
- All equipment should meet the appropriate ANSI standards.

**Training:**
All authorized employees are retrained annually. Training records are the responsibility of EHS.

**Additional Information:**
Contact ASU EHS: asuehs@asu.edu

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