

Safety Connection, Inc. ANSI Z359.2: Minimum Requirements for a Comprehensive Managed Fall Protection Program Interpretation

This section of the standard describes the required duties and training of workers that are involved with fall hazards.

Employers:

- Must appoint a Program Administrator to direct, manage, and evaluate the fall protection program
- Must provide authorized persons with the equipment necessary to perform work at heights. Must also provide that employee with the knowledge and training to operate those fall protection systems
- Must provide competent persons to supervise authorized persons who are exposed to fall hazards

Program Administrator:

- Responsible for developing, implementing, monitoring, and evaluating the employer's managed fall protection program
- Must have at least the same level of knowledge in fall protection and rescue regulations, standards, equipment, etc. through training and experience as competent persons and competent rescuers

Competent Person:

- Responsible for the immediate supervision, monitoring, and implementation of the employer's managed fall protection program
- Must conduct fall hazard surveys on all work areas involving a fall hazard and develop a written fall protection plan for each area. The fall protection plan must include the necessary training of authorized persons to perform work, the equipment necessary to perform work, and the proper use/installation of those fall protection systems
- Must periodically inspect and document fall protection equipment, at least annually
- Must supervise the selection, installation, use, and inspection of non-certified anchorages

Authorized Person:

- Must properly use, inspect, store, and maintain fall protection equipment according to fall protection procedures
- Must inspect fall protection equipment prior to use

Competent Rescuer:

- Must have working knowledge through training and experience of current fall protection and rescue regulations, standards, equipment, and systems
- Must verify that authorized rescuers have adequate training and ensure that the rescue team is evaluated at least annually by a competent rescuer trainer
- Must develop a fall protection rescue plan for all work areas involving a fall hazard. The fall protection rescue plan must include the necessary training of authorized rescuers to perform rescue, the equipment necessary to perform rescue, and the proper use/installation of those rescue systems

Authorized Rescuer:

- Perform or assist in workplace rescues
- Must properly use, inspect, store, and maintain rescue equipment according to fall protection rescue procedures

Training:

Competent Person	At least every 2 years
Authorized Person	At least every 2 years OR evaluated annually by written test and demonstration of proper usage of equipment (should only be exercised for authorized persons who routinely use the same equipment, daily or weekly)
Competent Rescuer	At least every year
Authorized Rescuer	At least every 2 years AND evaluated annually by written test and demonstration of proper usage of equipment

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