

A Fall Protection Safety Quiz for Construction Business Owners

Give yourself this quick test to learn how much you know about construction fall safety standards.

True or False

1. The height for which fall protection is required is 10 feet or more.
2. The top rail of a guardrail is 36 inches above the walking/working surface.
3. OSHA requires a drop test to be performed on safety nets; a 350-pound bag of sand is dropped into the net from the highest walking/working surface.
4. The anchorage point is a solid, immovable object that can support up to 3,000 pounds.
5. A CAZ is a Construction Activity Zone.
6. In some situations, the use of conventional fall protection equipment may not be feasible or may create a greater hazard. OSHA has identified three activities in which this may occur.

Ask your USF SafetyFlorida consultant for the answers to these questions.

You might not expect yourself to know the answers to these questions. But someone in your business should. USF SafetyFlorida can deliver the education to make everyone who works for you safety smart. We'll also go with you and your supervisors to your job sites and offer hands-on practical advice. We'll show you how to meet the safety standards that help eliminate the cost of construction falls.

Who is USF SafetyFlorida?

USF SafetyFlorida is a small business service of the University of South Florida, College of Public Health. Our service is free, because it is funded by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the State of Florida. That's why we are able to help employers like you with OSHA regulations while reducing your cost for workers' compensation illnesses and injuries. For more information and safety resources, visit www.safetyflorida.usf.edu or call us toll free at 1-866-273-1105.

Call the USF SafetyFlorida Consultant Nearest You

Invite them to visit your location. And ask them to help you keep your profits safe from construction falls.

USF SafetyFlorida Consultation Program
www.safetyflorida.usf.edu
Toll Free 866-273-1105

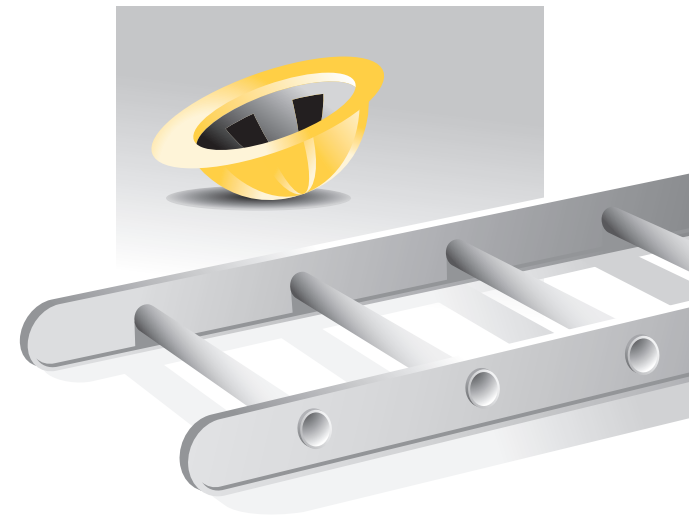
Charlene Vespi
Program Director

University of South Florida
OSHA Training Institute Education Center
www.usfoticecenter.org

Bob Nesbit
Program Manager
813-994-1195

USF SafetyFlorida
13201 Bruce B. Downs Blvd. MDC56
Tampa, FL 33612-3805

Ask USF SafetyFlorida to Protect Your Profits with Construction Fall Protection



USF SafetyFlorida Consultation Program

www.safetyflorida.usf.edu
TOLL FREE: 866.273.1105

USF SafetyFlorida offers you a free service that can save you money. The service we offer is workplace safety consultation. And the money you can save results when we help you reduce your workers' compensation costs for illness and injuries.

Construction Falls Can Break Your Profits

Small construction companies in Florida with up to 10 employees had 46% of all statewide construction fatalities in 1999.

These deaths were not mere statistics. They were employees, spouses, parents, and neighbors. And their injuries and deaths had a financial impact on employers just like you. These business owners had to take money out of their own pockets to pay for higher workers' compensation costs and for employee time off the job during recuperation and rehabilitation. And perhaps for legal fees.

Injuries slow down everyone at the job site. And injuries invite inspections. The inspector might close down the site until the owner makes changes to meet the inspector's requirements. These changes can cause overtime to get the project back on schedule and could result in penalties for late project delivery.

How to Reduce the Cost of Construction Falls

Why wait for a construction fall to review your workers' safety practices? Ask USF SafetyFlorida to help you protect your profits with construction fall consultation and education. USF SafetyFlorida is small business' ally in eliminating the cost of worksite accidents and injuries. And our services are free to you.

Not only are the services we provide you free, but they are confidential and independent of any state or federal enforcement. Our services to you can include on-site consultation, training courses, standards information, safety and health videos, informational and technical publications and access to free safety and health training and lecture materials prepared by the University of South Florida, College of Public Health consultation staff.

Our Free Services Can Lower Your Costs When You Ask Us To:

- Assist you in complying with federal safety and health standards to reduce the risk of injuries and OSHA citations.
- Identify deficient safety conditions with full-service worksite evaluations and to assess required programs and determine safety needs.

- Write detailed reports that define specific actions you can take to correct problem areas and improve existing safety programs.
- Deliver technical guidance and information to you, outlining how they can comply with federal standards.
- Provide printed material on occupational safety, including copies of OSHA standards, as well as industry and government guidelines (such as National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) workplace hazard studies and other workplace standards).
- Assist you in the implementation of safety programs mandated by OSHA standards such as Bloodborne Pathogens, Respiratory Protection, and Hazard Communication.
- Support you in reducing workplace injuries by providing safety and health programs tailored to your workplace.

Construction Falls

MEMO

TO: All Employees
FROM: President
SUBJECT: Construction Fall Protection

Beginning next Monday, we will provide training to all employees on Construction Fall Protection over a three-day period in our first floor conference room. I look forward to your participation. Tell us about the best practices you have seen. Be open to learning new ways to get the job done and stay safe. I will personally be sitting in on one or more of the sessions. I am committed to your safety.