

Why is Fall Protection Important?

Falls are among the most common causes of serious work related injuries and deaths. Employers must set up the work place to prevent employees from falling off of overhead platforms, elevated work stations or into holes in the floor and walls.

Fall protection continues to top the list of **“Top 10 Most Frequently Cited Federal OSHA Violations”**, and is a major area of emphasis for compliance enforcement.



OSHA Standards

OSHA requires that fall protection be provided at elevations of four feet in general industry workplaces, five feet in shipyards, six feet in the construction industry and eight feet in long shoring operations.

In addition, OSHA requires that fall protection be provided when working over dangerous equipment and machinery, regardless of the fall distance.

