



# Fall Protection Competent Person Assessment

OSHA requires organizations who expose workers to fall hazards using personal protective equipment to have a Competent Person with a thorough working knowledge of the hazards and the methods used to reduce worker risk when exposed to the hazards. OSHA provides guidance in **1910.30**, **1910.140(b)** and **1926.32**.

Is your team prepared to address the necessary tasks of a Competent Person? The **ANSI Z359.2-2023** standard (Section 4.4.) provides additional depth to supplement the OSHA guidance.

#	Competent Person Duty	Current Grade (A-F)	Priority (H/M/L)	Notes/Steps to Improve
1	Identify fall hazards before workers are exposed to the hazards. <b>(4.4.2)</b>			
2	Impose limits on workplace activities, as needed, and communicate/take action on these limits. <b>(4.4.8 &amp; 10)</b>			
3	Stop work, as needed. <b>(4.4.12)</b>			
4	Prepare, update, review and approve written fall protection procedures, as needed. Procedures shall specify systems including all anchorages and equipment. <b>(4.4.3 &amp; 4)</b>			
5	Ensure a written rescue plan exists for all fall arrest systems. <b>(4.4.11)</b>			
6	Supervise the selection, installation, use, and inspection of anchorages in consultation with the program administrator and Qualified Person. <b>(4.4.5)</b>			
7	Verify fall protection systems are installed and inspected in accordance with ANSI standards, manufacturer's instructions, and federal, state and local regulations, as required. <b>(4.4.6)</b>			





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#	Fall Protection Program Element	Current Grade (A-F)	Priority (H/M/L)	Notes/Steps to Improve
8	Verify Authorized Persons are trained on applicable fall protection and rescue procedures, prior to their working at heights. <b>(4.4.9)</b>			
9	Verify adequate fall clearance before Authorized Persons work at heights. <b>(4.4.7)</b>			
10	Ensure prompt rescue of Authorized Persons can be performed, as needed. <b>(4.4.6)</b>			
11	Responsible for immediate supervision, implementation, and monitoring of program. <b>(4.4.1)</b>			
12	Remove damaged systems and components from service. <b>(4.4.16)</b>			
13	Ensure equipment is inspected initially and before use in accordance with manufacturer's requirements. <b>(4.4.13 &amp; 14)</b>			
14	Inspect and document all equipment and systems annually or as required by the manufacturer, qualified person and/or regulations. <b>(4.4.15)</b>			

## Next Steps

