



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. (4.4.2)			
2	Impose limits on workplace activities, as needed, and communicate/take action on these limits. (4.4.8 & 10)			
3	Stop work, as needed. (4.4.12)			
4	Prepare, update, review and approve written fall protection procedures, as needed. Procedures shall specify systems including all anchorages and equipment. (4.4.3 & 4)			
5	Ensure a written rescue plan exists for all fall arrest systems. (4.4.11)			
6	Supervise the selection, installation, use, and inspection of anchorages in consultation with the program administrator and Qualified Person. (4.4.5)			
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. (4.4.6)			



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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. (4.4.9)			
9	Verify adequate fall clearance before Authorized Persons work at heights. (4.4.7)			
10	Ensure prompt rescue of Authorized Persons can be performed, as needed. (4.4.6)			
11	Responsible for immediate supervision, implementation, and monitoring of program. (4.4.1)			
12	Remove damaged systems and components from service. (4.4.16)			
13	Ensure equipment is inspected initially and before use in accordance with manufacturer's requirements. (4.4.13 & 14)			
14	Inspect and document all equipment and systems annually or as required by the manufacturer, qualified person and/or regulations. (4.4.15)			

Next Steps

