

# OSHA & ANSI STANDARDS

## ALL GUARDIAN FALL PROTECTION PRODUCTS MEET APPLICABLE OSHA AND ANSI REQUIREMENTS

The Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) under Title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations (29 CFR) assures and enforces safe and healthful working conditions for general industry and construction in the United States. Under the Act, employers have the duty of providing their workers with a place of employment free from recognized safety and health hazards.

The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) is a voluntary organization made up of manufacturers and consumers that establish product performance standards for fall protection safety. Meeting the standards indicates that products pass accepted testing procedures. The standards are not enforceable as law, however many OSHA regulations are adopted from ANSI standards.

Employers should obtain copies of the regulations that apply to their work operations by writing to:

### OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (OSHA)

200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20210  
[www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov)

### AMERICAN NATIONAL STANDARDS INSTITUTE, INC. (ANSI)

11 West 42nd Street  
New York, NY 10036  
[www.ansi.org](http://www.ansi.org)

#### ▶ OSHA Regulations Governing Construction (29 CFR PART 1926)

**Subpart E covers various requirements for personal protective equipment.**

Safety Belts, Lifelines and Lanyards ..... 1926.104  
Safety Nets..... 1926.105

**Subpart L covers scaffolds..... 1926.450-454**

**Subpart M covers fall protection fully, including when and where fall protection systems are required and for what construction work activities. It also defines system component requirements.**

Scope, Application and Definitions..... 1926.500  
Duty to Have Fall Protection..... 1926.501  
Fall Protection Systems Criteria and Practices..... 1926.502  
Training Requirements..... 1926.503

**Subpart X covers ladders..... 1926.1053**

#### ▶ OSHA Regulations Governing General Industry (29 CFR PART 1910)

**Subpart D mentions a few specific fall protection requirements relative to walking/working surfaces.**

Fixed Ladders, Ladder Safety Devices..... 1910.27(d)(5)  
Safety Requirements for Scaffolding,  
Boatswain's Chairs..... 1910.28(j)(4)

**Subpart F covers fall protection as it pertains to powered platforms, man lifts, and vehicle-mounted work platforms.**

Maintenance..... 1910.66  
Personal Fall Arrest Systems..... 1910.66

**Subpart J covers general environmental controls in which confined spaces are addressed..... 1910.146**

#### ANSI Standards

Scaffolding..... A10.8  
Personnel and Debris Nets for  
Construction and Operations..... A10.11-1989  
Construction and Demolition Operations..... A10.14-1991  
Ladder Safety Devices..... A14.3-1992  
Confined Space..... Z117.1-1989  
Safety Requirements for Personal Fall Arrest  
Systems, Subsystems and Components..... Z359.1-1992