



HEALTH, SAFETY,
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Worker Slips on Beam, Injuring his Leg

A recent incident with injury had a worker strike his leg on a beam.

While performing the duties of a Fall Safety Monitor (Rescue Standby), the worker slipped and fell from a beam, striking his shin. The worker was wearing proper fall protection, and the SRL activated and stopped his fall.

The leading contributing factor to this incident is that the worker left his position as fall watch, and was going to help his fellow workers move the beam that was just cut out for demo.

GIS's Policy, **LLCP-068 Fall Hazard Management** states the following:

When selected, the employer shall ensure that the Safety Monitor System, shall be addressed in the Fall Protection Work Plan; shall include the name of the Safety Monitor(s) and the extent of their training in both the Safety Monitor and Warning Line Systems, and shall ensure that the following requirements are met. The Safety Monitor System shall not be used when adverse weather conditions create additional hazards. A person acting in the capacity of Safety Monitor(s) shall be trained in the function of both the Safety Monitor and Warning Lines Systems, and shall:

- Be a Competent Person as defined in Title 29, CFR Part 1926
- Have control authority over the work as it relates to fall protection
- Be instantly distinguishable from members of the work crew
- **Engage in no other duties while acting as safety monitor**
- Be positioned in relation to the workers under their protection, to have a clear, unobstructed view and be able to maintain normal voice communication and
- Not monitor more than eight exposed workers at one time.
- Control zone workers shall be distinguished from other members of the crew by wearing a high-visibility vest only while in the control zone.

Persons with duties of performing a watch shall have **NO OTHER DUTIES**. Supervisors are encouraged to get written acknowledgements from those charged with performing a watch that they will perform no other duties unless relieved of their watch or the time span to perform that watch has passed.

Policies and procedures are written with regard to keeping everyone safe. When workers take it upon themselves to leave their duties – even with the best of intentions – Injuries and Incidents can happen. We ask that everyone re-familiarize themselves with the duties they are tasked with, especially when high-risk tasks are being performed.

Proper use of the **GIS LIFE Processes** can help to create a **FAIL-SAFE** Work Environment.

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