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HEALTH SAFETY ENVIRONMENTAL



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Working at Heights

Proper Fall Protection is extremely important when working from heights. So important, it can be the deciding factor between a first aid and a fatality. Recently an employee was noticed working on a scaffold above 6' without being tied off. In this particular instance, the employee was informed and the proper fall protection was implemented before an incident occurred. In many other cases in our industry, workers have not been so fortunate.



GIS Fall Protection Policy Highlights & Information

- Before starting a project, fall hazards should be analyzed to ensure employees are aware of the hazards and obtain the proper fall protection.
- A fall exposure occurs when employee's feet are **SIX (6) feet** or more above a work area and fall protection **MUST** be in place.
- 100% fall protection is required at all times when working off of the ground.
- There are several primary and secondary methods of fall protection that should be used when working from heights. (Visit the Safety Portal at www.gisy.com to view the Fall Hazard Management Policy for more details.)
- Any method of fall protection should be inspected before each use to ensure the integrity of the equipment/devices,
- Any damaged equipment should be immediately removed from service and sent it.

***Report all incidents immediately to the GIS Hotline
1-855-543-5163.***

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