



Saskatchewan Health Authority

Policy

Saskatoon & Area - Occupational Health & Safety

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Title: Physical Hazard: Protection from Falling Objects

Saskatchewan Employment Act:

OHS Regulation: 9-6, 9-8, 9-9, 9-12

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Purpose

To ensure that workers are protected from any object that has the potential to become a falling object

Roles and Responsibilities

Employer must ensure:

- All workers are protected from falling objects
- If the work area may present the danger of a falling object an overhead barrier is installed
- If a worker could be struck a falling object the area must be clearly marked by barriers, notices, warning lights or other warning devices
- Wire mesh is installed from the working surface of a platform to a height of 2 meters on all sides of
 - a) A tower hoist
 - b) A building shaft
 - c) Hoist cage in an excavation shaft

Manager/Supervisor must ensure:

- Workers are held accountable for their responsibilities, applicable legislation and/or standards
- Safe work procedures are written and followed
- If a worker is working from a raised work surface where wire mesh or other material is used to prevent objects from falling, the barrier must be 900mm high and be installed on all sides except the side adjacent to the structure
- Any permanent surface from which an object could fall more than 1.2 meters is equipped with a toeboard
- That any temporary scaffold or work platform from which an object could fall more than 3 meters is equipped with a toeboard
- When a toeboard is required, it is at least 125mm in height from the floor

Worker must ensure:

- They are trained in and follow the safe work procedures
- They are trained in and use any PPE required (selection, use, care and handling)
- They report to their supervisor and the Safety Alert System/Incident Report Line for any incidents or near misses involving falling objects or potential falling objects

Materials

- Appropriate PPE if required

Non-Compliance/Breach:

Non-compliance with this policy will result in a review of the incident. A review for non-compliance may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment or privileges; fines and /or prosecution of individuals under the Saskatchewan Employment Act and OHS Regulations.

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