



ANSI/ISEA 121-2018

Dropped / Falling Object Protection

Struck By falling objects and falling equipment resulted in 45,940 Workplace injuries in 2017 which was 5.2% of all work-related injuries in 2017 (Bureau of Labor Statistics). Additionally, there were 503 fatalities from being struck by objects or equipment of which 237 fatalities were related to being struck by a falling object (Bureau of Labor Statistics).

The OSHA standards below address dropped/falling objects under the following sections:

Construction

Scaffold: 1926.451(h)- “falling object protection.”

Fall Protection: 1926.501(c)- “Protection from falling objects.”

Steel Erection: 1926.759(a)- “Securing loose items aloft.”

General Industry

Walking-Working Surfaces: 1910.23– “Climbing with equipment safely”

Walking-Working Surfaces: 1910.28- “Protection for employees exposed to falls and falling object hazards”

General Duty Clause

The American National Standard Institute (ANSI) standard 121-2018 discusses the hierarchy of controls and effective control methods including, anchor attachments, tool attachments, tool tethers and containers.

The ANSI Standard 121-2018 addresses dropped/falling object protection and are available for purchase at Safetyequipment.org/product/ansi-isea-121-2018.

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