



Weekly Safety Meeting

Rope Descent Systems



Instructor: _____ Date/Time: _____

OSHA Regulations

1910.27(b)(2)(ii)

The rope descent system is used in accordance with instructions, warnings, and design limitations set by the manufacturer or under the direction of a qualified person;

Talking Points:

Remind all employees to follow all manufacture guidelines on the equipment they are using.

1910.27(b)(2)(iv)

The rope descent system is inspected at the start of each workshift that it is to be used. The employer must ensure damaged or defective equipment is removed from service immediately and replaced;

Talking Points:

Remind each employee that he should be inspecting his equipment and checking for any defects in the equipment prior to use.

1910.27(b)(2)(v)

The rope descent system has proper rigging, including anchorages and tiebacks, with particular emphasis on providing tiebacks when counterweights, cornice hooks, or similar non-permanent anchorages are used;

Talking Points:

Remind all employees that when using rigs or parapet clamps they need to be tied back to anchorage system.

1910.27(b)(2)(viii)

Prompt rescue of each employee is provided in the event of a fall;

Talking Points:

Remind employees what the emergency plan is for the company if someone is stranded in fall arrest.

1910.27(b)(2)(ix)

The ropes of each rope descent system are effectively padded or otherwise protected, where they can contact edges of the building, anchorage, obstructions, or other surfaces, to prevent them from being cut or weakened;

Talking Points:

Remind all employees that rope protectors are to be utilized at all times when rope comes in contact with building.

1910.27(b)(2)(x)

Stabilization is provided at the specific work location when descents are greater than 130 feet (39.6 m);



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No employee uses a rope descent system when hazardous weather conditions, such as storms or gusty or excessive wind, are present;

Talking Points:

Remind employees of wind conditions and the dangers that both wind and lightning can present while on a building.

1910.27(b)(2)(xii)

Equipment, such as tools, squeegees, or buckets, is secured by a tool lanyard or similar method to prevent it from falling; and

Talking Points:

Remind employees that all tools and buckets are to be secured by tethers or lanyards and should be so that they would not fall to the ground or hit another employee making a drop beside them.

Employee Names or Signatures of personnel who attended the meeting

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