

Fall Management Program

What if construction workers could defy gravity?

Zurich and the Construction Safety Council (CSC) have teamed up to provide a comprehensive and proactive approach to fall management. The program's modular design allows for flexibility and customization to meet the unique fall management needs of contractors.

The challenge

Falls represent the greatest potential for severe, disabling or life-threatening injuries in the construction industry. Nationally, falls are the leading cause of work-related deaths among construction workers, and compensable fall injuries exceed \$5 billion annually.¹

Exposures to fall hazards vary by project, trade and task. Construction workers are not only exposed to potential fall hazards created by their own work activities but also those created by other on-site personnel. Managing those hazards can be challenging.

Fall management is further complicated when using subcontractors, as contractual risk transfer issues can lead to discrepancies in understanding who is responsible for addressing fall management exposures.

Furthermore, the potential exposure is not limited to construction workers but also expands to include the adjacent public.

The solution

Zurich Services Corporation believes that all construction contractors should operate under the 100% fall protection standard as recommended by the Construction Industry Institute (CII).

While we have examined many fall protection resources, Zurich feels that the breadth and scope of the Construction Safety Council's (CSC) Fall Protection Safety Training Program provides the foundation for a robust fall management program.

This program provides comprehensive and effective strategies for implementing a fall management program. When coupled with Zurich's industry experience and consultative risk engineering services, it provides an exceptional resource for contractors to develop or further enhance their existing fall management program.

Benefits

- Helps reduce fatal and severe fall-related injuries
- Assists in embedding fall management into the corporate culture rather than just being a workplace requirement
- Improves employee motivation to work safely, leading to better quality and productivity

¹ Source: OSHA Website

- Addresses all aspects of fall management including equipment, hazard elimination and fall injury prevention
- Saves time, prevents material waste and mitigates unexpected project costs and delays

Program details

This modular program educates and motivates project staff on effective techniques for management of fall hazards and related exposures.

Elements of the fall management program include:

- Identification and evaluation
- Recognition and prevention
- Elimination planning
- Use of appropriate equipment
- Inspection and equipment maintenance
- Rescue procedures
- Contract specification recommendations to address scope and contractual language

Fall management program implementation includes all levels of an organization:

- Awareness training for all employees
- Technical training for supervisory and safety staff coordinating worksite activities
- Management training for supervisory or safety staff responsible for assessment and implementation procedures

For more information

For more information on the fall management program, please contact your risk engineering account coordinator.

Additional resources

Construction Safety Council (CSC)
4100 Madison Street
Hillside, IL 60162
Phone: 800-552-7744
www.buildsafe.org

Construction Industry Institute (CII)
3925 West Braker Lane
Austin, TX 78759-5316
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