

BASIC METALS INDUSTRIES

Fall Protection Policy

I. POLICY

The OSHA Fall Protection Standard for the Construction Industry (29 CFR 1926.500, 1926.501, 1926.502, AND 1926.503), known as Subpart M, regulates fall protection for construction work performed within the private sector.

Injuries from falls are a leading occupational injury. It is the intent of our company to provide maximum protection to its staff in the prevention of falls.

Known fall hazards will be identified inspected and fall protection provided to ensure the safety of personnel. Engineering controls, administrative procedures and the use of personal protective equipment will be utilized.

The Fall Protection Standard must be followed where personnel can possibly fall six feet or more, but does not apply "when personnel are making an inspection, investigation, or assessment of workplace conditions prior to the actual start of construction work or after all construction work has been completed." This exemption does not apply when inspections are carried out two feet or less from an unprotected edge.

Under OSHA's interpretation, work conducted within six feet of an unprotected edge (i.e. roofline) must comply with the Fall Protection Standard. Ladders fewer than twenty feet are exempted from the OSHA Fall Protection Standard.

Training will be provided to personnel in the identification of fall hazards, safe work practices, and selection, use, inspection, and maintenance of personal protective equipment.