

Near Miss Report

Improper Application of Fall Hazard Control



Potential Outcome: Personnel injury/Property Damage

Activity

Contractor employees installing and painting a metal fascia near a roof parapet, whose height was not adequate for fall protection, used personal fall protection equipment to perform the work. They selected ventilation fans as anchorage points, which were not approved by the projects fall protection competent person. The job inspector noticed the situation as non-compliant and notified the site superintendent, who worked with the competent person to verified suitable anchorage points and discussed the necessity of involving a competent person in planning work aloft.



Possible Causes

- Failure to properly plan the mitigation of identified fall hazards

Behaviors to be Learned

- A fall protection competent person or fall protection compliance checklist shall be used in the planning of all projects with identified fall hazards to ensure the fall hazard controls are planned and implemented correctly
- Employees shall be adequately trained and authorized to use the required personal fall protection equipment, and the fall protection competent person shall verify equipment is used according with standard practice

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