

Fall protection trigger heights for construction

Unprotected Walking - Working Surface or Situation	Trigger height			Rule
	Any height	Six Feet	Ten Feet	
General Fall Protection			≥	437-003-1501
Holes (falling through)		>		437-003-1501(1)(a)
Holes (tripping in or stepping into or through)	X			437-003-1501(1)(b)
Skylights		≥		437-003-1501(1)
Wall openings less than 39 inches above walking/working surface		≥		437-003-1501(2)
Established floors, Mezzanines, Balconies and Walkways		≥		437-003-1501(3)
Excavations not readily seen		≥		437-003-1501(4)(a)
Edge of a well, pit, shaft, and similar excavations		≥		437-003-1501(4)(b)
Walkways over excavations		≥		1926.651(l)
When above or adjacent to dangerous equipment	X			437-003-1501(5)
Scaffolds (supported and suspended)			>	1926.451(g)(1)
Boom Supported Elevating Work Platforms	X			437-003-0073(2)
Vehicle-mounted Elevating and Rotating Work Platforms	X			1926.453(b)(2)(v)
Cranes (boom walkways)		≥		437-003-1423(b)(1)
Cranes (assembling, disassembling or otherwise performing work)			>	437-003-1423(2)
Cranes (hoisting personnel)	X			1926.1431(k)(10)(i)
Tower Cranes			>	437-003-1423(4)
Personal Protective Equipment (unguarded surfaces)			>	437-003-0134(5)(a)
Personal Protective Equipment (above dangerous equipment)	X			437-003-0134(5)(a)
Steel Erection (general)	More than 15'			1926.760(a)(1)
Steel Erection (connectors)	* More than two stories or 30'			1926.760(b)(1)
Steel Erection (Controlled Decking Zone, CDZ)	* More than two stories or 30'			1926.760(c)(1)

KEY: X = Fall protection system required at any height.

≥ = Fall protection system required at heights greater than or equal to the listed height.

> = Fall protection system required at heights greater than the listed height.

* Whichever height is less.