

Personal Protective Equipment

OSHA Clarifies Who Can Conduct Fall Protection Training, and ASSE Resources

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In a response to a letter from *International Safety Equipment Association (ISEA)* seeking clarification of who can conduct fall protection training, OSHA has indicated that fall protection trainers who are compliant with *ANSI/ASSE Z359* (fall protection/arrest) and *ANSI/ASSE Z490* (OSH training) will meet the definition of qualified in the agency's *Walking and Working Surfaces* rule.

Both ASSE and ISEA view this is an important development in ensuring the quality of fall protection training provided to those who work at height. "This will enable more competent trainers to meet the nation's fall protection training needs to keep workers safe," says Marc Harkins, chair of ISEA's Fall Protection Group and product group manager for MSA Safety. Randall Wingfield, chair of the Z359 Accredited Standards Committee and president of Gravitec Systems Inc., adds, "Requiring workers at height to be appropriately educated and trained and now having the ANSI Z359.2 requirements of competent person and trainers referenced by federal regulations will initiate definitive training."

To help members better understand the complexities involved in this issue, ASSE has developed an issue analysis that includes links to the OSHA letter of interpretation involving ANSI/ASSE Z359 as well as another letter regarding ANSI/ASSE Z244 on lockout/tagout; a legal opinion on these developments from the Law Firm of Adele Abrams; and a chart from ISEA on fall protection training issues.

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