

NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL - SAFETY GRAM



MISSION STATEMENT: It is the Mission of NPS Safety Directorate to save lives and provide academic and research readiness, through risk identification and mitigation.



FALL PROTECTION

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INTRODUCTION:

According to OPNAVINST 5100.23 Series, Navy Safety and Occupational Health Program Manual Chapter 13 and MCO 5100.29B Marine Corps Safety Program and NAVMC DIR 5100.8, Marine Corps OSH Manual, every Navy and Marine Corps Command/Activity having personnel working at height, exposed to Fall-Hazards and using Fall Protection equipment is responsible for establishing, implementing and managing a Fall Protection program,

Fall protection must be provided to Navy civilians and military personnel exposed to fall hazards on any elevated walking working surface with unprotected sides, edges, roofs, or floor openings, from which there is a possibility of falling **four feet or more** to a lower level; or where there is a possibility of a **fall from any height** onto dangerous equipment, into a hazardous environment, or onto an impalement hazard.

FALL PREVENTION:

The elimination and minimization of potential Fall-Hazards, lessening the chance of employee exposure to falls. Any same-level means used reasonably to prevent exposure to a Fall-Hazard; examples of fall prevention are guardrails, walls, floors, and area isolation. Also called passive fall protection system.

FALL PROTECTION:

Action and procedures to protect a worker effectively from Fall-Hazards. Any equipment, device or system that prevents an accidental fall from elevation or that mitigates the effect of such a fall.

NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL FALL PROTECTION PROGRAM

1. NPS Safety office has fully qualified competent persons to assist in mitigating fall hazards.
2. Buildings on the Installation with passive protection systems (hand rails) on the roofs are accessible with proper training.
3. Faculty, Staff and Students in need of accessing areas where fall hazards of 4 Feet or more exist are required to contact the NPS safety office to ensure a hazard analysis is developed including controls, training of employees, and issuance of PPE to ensure safe access to areas unprotected.