



FALL Protection

To prevent death and injury from workplace falls from heights, fall protection is the law on Prince Edward Island.

**VIOLATIONS TO THE
FALL PROTECTION LAWS
PUT LIVES AT RISK**

The Workers Compensation Board (WCB) *Zero Tolerance for Fall Protection Violations* campaign is underway.

WCB Occupational Health & Safety (OHS) Officers will be inspecting Island workplaces for fall protection and strictly enforcing the OHS Act and Regulations.

***Protect workers
and workplaces.
Obey the laws for
safe work at heights.***

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Everyday on PEI, people work at heights as part of their regular job duties. Because working at heights is dangerous business, these workers are protected by fall protection legislation.

Yet every year, too many compliance orders are issued to Island workplaces for fall protection violations. Serious injuries and fatalities have occurred because of a failure to follow the law.

ZERO TOLERANCE FOR FALL PROTECTION VIOLATIONS is a strategy to prevent injury and death through an increased focus on compliance with the legislated fall protection requirements.

Zero Tolerance means that fall protection will be enforced to the fullest extent of the law. Violations may result in orders, stop work orders, or prosecution under the OHS Act with fines of up to \$250,000.

The Occupational Health and Safety Act of Prince Edward Island outlines the duties and responsibilities for safe work at heights. Everyone in the workplace has a right to a safe workplace and the responsibility to keep each other safe.

Employer responsibilities include:

- Ensuring that supervisors and workers are familiar with the hazards at the workplace
- Providing workers with proper training and supervision
- Ensuring that everyone in the workplace complies with the OHS Act and Regulations
- Making sure that personal protective equipment is used and maintained

Worker responsibilities include:

- Following the OHS Act and Regulations
- Using personal protective equipment as required
- Working in a safe manner so that others are not put at risk

Responsibilities of constructors, contractors and self-employed persons include:

- Taking every reasonable precaution to ensure the health and safety of workers in the workplace
- Complying with the OHS Act and Regulations

Detailed fall protection requirements are described in the PEI Occupational Health and Safety Act and Regulations, available through the Safe Workplaces section of the WCB website, www.wcb.pe.ca

Prevent falls from heights. Know the requirements. Follow the law.



For more information about safe workplaces, visit the WCB website at www.wcb.pe.ca or contact:
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