

Safety Nets

Introduction

A personnel safety-net system must be designed and installed for fall protection. Debris netting is not a substitute, and a net does not remove the need for suitable access and other site controls.

Hazards & Controls

Under construction rule 1926.502(c), install personnel nets as close as practicable below the work surface and never more than 30 feet below it. Required extensions, clear space beneath, and installation testing or permitted certification must also be addressed.

Inspect at least weekly for wear, damage, and deterioration, and after events that could affect integrity; follow any stricter manufacturer or site schedule. Remove defective nets from service. Keep the net clear of collected materials and arrange prompt rescue after an arrested fall.

Have a trained, authorized person verify the selected protection for the actual task. Stop work if the equipment, exposure, or site conditions change.

Safety Reminders

Inspect before use and follow the equipment instructions and site fall protection plan. Report damaged or missing protection immediately; do not proceed until hazards are controlled.

Engagement Questions

Who verified the net installation, clearance, inspection, and rescue arrangements?

What site-specific hazards or changes would make us stop work?

Sources and use notice

OSHA: Fall Protection Systems Criteria (1926.502)

OSHA: Fall Protection Systems Criteria, Safety Nets (1926.502(c))

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