

U.S. Department of Labor
Mine Safety and Health Administration
Educational Field and Small Mine Services



Location _____ Date _____

Competent Person _____ Duration _____ Time _____

Fall Hazards

- **Fall Protection** [56.15005](#)
 1. Always use fall protection when working where a fall hazard exists.
 2. Install railings or cables when persons are required to work or travel near the edge of a structure. [Program Policy Letter P14-IV-02](#)
 3. Establish and discuss safe work procedures. Before starting any work, identify and control all hazards.
 4. Train all persons to recognize and understand safe job procedures, including the proper use of fall protection.
 5. Always use fall protection with a lanyard anchored securely when working where there is a danger of falling.
 6. Examine workplaces for changing conditions when the strata, drill patterns, or other workplace conditions change.
 7. Establish policies and procedures for safely clearing hung or stuck material and ensure that persons follow those safe policies and procedures.
 8. Ensure that persons are task-trained and understand the hazards associated with the work being performed. [46.7](#)
 9. Ensure that areas are barricaded or have warning signs posted at all approaches where hazards exist that are not immediately obvious.
 10. Consider using a "[miner in distress](#)" call feature available on many communication and tracking systems carried by miners. This feature is designed to improve emergency response if a miner working alone or out of sight of other miners requires immediate assistance.
- **Fatal grams:** [56.15005](#)
- **Attendees:**