

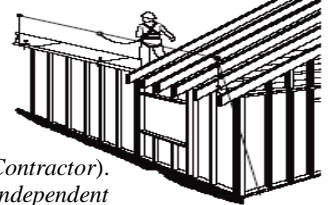


Company Name: _____ Job Site Location: _____
 Date: _____ Start Time: _____ Finish Time: _____ Foreman/Supervisor: _____

Topic 377: Carpenter/Framing Safety (Part A-OSHA's Group 1 Requirements)

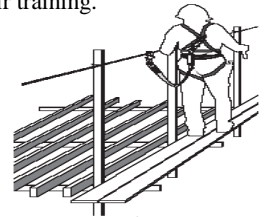
Introduction: Fall Protection Systems (conventional or alternative) are required whenever working at heights for all residential construction activity. Group 1 activities include - ① Installation of Floor Joists, ② Floor Sheathing, ③ Roof Sheathing, ④ Erecting Exterior Walls, and ⑤ Setting and Bracing Roof Trusses and Rafters.

General Requirements For Group 1 Activities: ① Training, ② Implementation/Supervision, ③ Controlled Access Zones, and ④ Plan Administration are required for all Group 1 activities.



- **Training** - Each employer is responsible for the safety training and education of their own employees. (29CFR1926.21) The *Independent Contractor* must ensure that its employees (and its subcontractors employees):
 - * **Understand the procedures** and follow the instructions of the independent contractor's "*Competent Person*".
 - * **Are able to recognize** unsafe/hazardous conditions and are to report them to their employer (the *Independent Contractor*).
 - * **Can recognize when** compliance with the plan would create a greater hazard and are instructed to inform the *Independent Contractor's "Competent Person"* before proceeding.

Note: Any concerns raised by the employees during construction must be addressed (determined to be valid or not) before work proceeds.
- **Implementation/Supervision by Designated Individuals** - The contractor must designate a "*Competent Person*", who will be charged with implementing each plan. The "*Competent Person*" must continually monitor compliance with each plan, including the provision of training and the proper use of Controlled Access Zones. Take the time to designate and document a *Competent Person* for your jobsite.
 - * "*Competent Person*" means one who is capable of identifying existing and predictable hazards in the surroundings or working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous to employees, and who has authorization to take prompt corrective measures to eliminate them.
 - * **Crew Supervisor/Foreman** — The contractor must designate and document a crew supervisor or foreman and charge him/her with the responsibility of immediately correcting any unsafe practice or condition.
 - * **Walking/Working Surface** means any surface, whether horizontal or vertical on which a worker walks or works, including but not limited to, floors, roofs, ramps, bridges, runways, form work and concrete reinforcing steel, but not including ladders, vehicles, or trailers, on which workers must be located in order to perform their job duties.
 - **Each employer** shall determine if the walking/working surfaces on which its employees work have the strength and structural integrity to support employees safely.
 - **Employees shall** be allowed to work on these surfaces only when the surfaces have the requisite strength and structural integrity.
 - **Each employee** on an elevated walking/working surface shall be protected from falling by a guardrail system, safety net system, or personal fall arrest system.
- **Controlled Access Zones** - A Controlled Access Zone (CAZ) is a restricted zone around a clearly designated work area where a Group 1 activity (such as setting and bracing roof trusses and rafters) is taking place. The CAZ for Group 1 activities does not necessarily apply to only fall protection. The CAZ must be documented in a written plan, and meet the following requirements:
 - * **Boundaries** - The competent person(s) will determine the boundaries of the CAZ and clearly mark them with signs, wires, tapes, ropes or chains.
 - * **The crew supervisor/foreman** shall monitor their workers in the CAZ to ensure that they do not engage in unsafe practices.
 - * **Restricted access** - Access to the CAZ must be restricted to authorized entrants. An authorized entrant is a worker who has received the training described above. The competent person must identify each entrant after the employee has successfully completed their training.
 - * **Before work begins** in the CAZ, the competent person must ensure that all protective measures in the plan have been implemented, and that no unauthorized personnel, trades, or contractors are in the CAZ.
 - * **If the CAZ** is used for fall protection, then a monitor must be used to warn employees of fall hazards.
- **Plan Administration** - (required for all Group 1 activities).
 - * **Employer Enforcement** - The builder and the independent contractor are required to enforce each plan. The crew supervisor/foreman, as well as individuals in the Safety and Personnel Department, must have the right to issue disciplinary warnings to their employees, up to and including termination, for failure to follow the requirements of the plan. Unsafe practices or conditions must be corrected immediately.
 - * **The contractor** must designate a qualified person to approve changes to a plan. Take the time to designate and document a "qualified person".
 - * **The contractor** must have their own "Competent Person" in charge of each project and a "Qualified Person" in charge of each plan.



Conclusion: This meeting (Part A) includes requirements for Group 1 activities as defined by OSHA. Meetings **378 & 379** are available for specific Group 1 activities such as setting and bracing roof trusses, and roof and floor sheathing.

Work Site Review

Work-Site Hazards and Safety Suggestions: _____

Personnel Safety Violations: _____

Employee Signatures: _____

(My signature attests and verifies my understanding of and agreement to comply with, all company safety policies and regulations, and that I have not suffered, experienced, or sustained any recent job-related injury or illness.)

Foreman/Supervisor's Signature: _____

These guidelines do not supersede local, state, or federal regulations and must not be construed as a substitute for, or legal interpretation of, any OSHA regulations.