Rooftop & Fall Prevention Planning

SF-LIB-08 | Height & access | Employer planning starter

Plan roof access, openings, edges, equipment and rescue readiness.

Scope and limits

General planning guide. Select the applicable construction or general-industry fall rules; this is not an alternative fall-protection plan under 1926.502(k).

Proposed employer workflow

1. Inspect the access route and identify edges, skylights, openings, fragile surfaces and lower-level exposures.

2. Prefer work from protected locations and suitable collective protection where feasible.

3. Have the responsible competent or qualified personnel select the actual system and verify supporting structure, equipment compatibility and clearance.

4. Keep roof hatches protected through access and work. Do not assume a skylight or roof panel supports a person.

5. Plan weather limits, material storage, tool retention and rescue suitable for the chosen protection system.

6. Brief the crew and verify controls before access; reevaluate when the task or roof conditions change.

Stop-work trigger

Stop for an unprotected opening, uncertain supporting surface or unavailable rescue arrangements.

Adapt this resource before use. It is not OSHA-approved, a certification, a permit, or a complete site-specific safety program. The employer must determine applicable rules and approve the actual controls.

Site implementation worksheet

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Employer / site: _____

Administrator / contact: _____

Effective date / next review: _____

Complete these topic-specific arrangements

Roof / access / opening map

Procedure / location / responsible person

Protection system / structural review / clearance

Procedure / location / responsible person

Weather limits / rescue / responsible personnel

Procedure / location / responsible person

Attach the supporting plans

Identify applicable federal, State Plan and task-specific rules; attach equipment instructions, assessments, maps and any required written programs or permits. Record their document IDs below.

Supporting document / revision / owner

Employer approval / signature / date: _____

Approval of this worksheet alone does not authorize hazardous work.

Field check & follow-up

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Task / date / reviewer: _____

Mark each item Yes / No / N/A. Explain N/A. Resolve any missing critical control before work; record who verified the correction.

Check	Y / N / N/A	Action / owner
Access route checked		
Edges and openings protected		
Surface capacity verified		
Equipment and anchors reviewed		
Rescue arrangements confirmed		

Crew briefing and verification

Discuss: Stop for an unprotected opening, uncertain supporting surface or unavailable rescue arrangements.

Ask each worker to explain the task controls and who to contact. Record the topic, participant names, demonstration or questions, and unresolved gaps. Attendance alone is not proof of proficiency.

Participants / evidence / gaps / corrective action

Reviewed by / date / follow-up due: _____

Official reference and use

https://www.osha.gov/fall-protection

Source checked Nov 3, 2026. OSHA regulations and recommended guidance have different roles. Verify changes and applicability before adoption. Procedures and forms here are original SafetyFluent planning aids. Copy and adapt for internal workplace use, retaining source and revision details.

Records: assign secure storage, access and retention based on applicable requirements; there is no universal retention period for every form. Keep medical details out of this general crew worksheet.