



**FALL PREVENTION SAFETY
PROGRAM
Policy 14**

CITY OF KETTERING
Safety & Health Program
Fall Prevention Safety Program

Responsibility for Safety

All City employees are responsible for safety.

The City Manager:

- Commits to a safe working environment consistent with requirements of applicable laws.
- Assigns the responsibility of complying with this commitment to the individual operating Department Directors.
- Assigns responsibility for coordinating required training to the Director of Human Resources.
- Assigns central record keeping to the Human Resource Department.
- Assigns the Human Resource Director the responsibility to develop and maintain a Safety Committee to coordinate mutual needs including development of safety programs.

Responsibilities of Department Directors

Department Directors are responsible for providing the support, financial resources, and overall safety leadership in the department.

- Enforcing safety rules and regulations.
- Supporting supervisors in their safety responsibilities.
- Keeping staff informed of new regulations and compliance issues.
- Assigning a safety representative (may be Director or others) to run departmental safety operation and participate on safety committee.

Responsibilities of Safety Coordinator/Executive Committee

The Safety Coordinator and the Executive Committee are responsible for facilitating the Committee's development of policies and procedures designated to enhance safety within the City of Kettering and educating employees.

The Safety Coordinator and Executive Committee are responsible for:

- Practicing and promoting safe work practices and compliance with safety regulations.
- Setting a good example for others.
- Conducting meetings at least quarterly with the Safety Committee.
- Taking immediate corrective action, as appropriate under the circumstances, for hazardous conditions that exist that would cause personal injury to staff, citizens or damage to equipment or buildings.
- Notifying the Director of Human Resources, as well as the Department Director/Manager responsible for areas in question.
- Enforcing safety regulations and City safety policy.
- Addressing hazards identified by employees.
- Making recommendations to improve the safety performance of the department.

- Supporting safety training efforts and following-up on information learned in training programs.
- Educating employees in each department/work group as to safety policies, training opportunities, and workplace hazards.

Responsibilities of Supervisors

Supervisors are responsible for ensuring work is completed in a safe manner by setting a good example, having a positive, supportive attitude toward safety and enforcing safety policies.

Supervisors are responsible for:

- Practicing and promoting safe work practices and compliance with safety regulations.
- Assuring that all operations are conducted safely.
- Assuring that all employees are trained and competent for the jobs they perform.
- Supporting safety training efforts and following-up on information learned in training programs.
- Reporting all accidents, incidents and injuries immediately in accordance with policy.
- Being alert to safety and health hazards and correcting or reporting them.
- Enforcing safety regulations and City safety policies.
- Addressing hazards identified by employees.
- Making recommendations to improve the safety performance of the department.
- Making sure employees understand the hazards of the job, necessary precautions and proper use of personal protective equipment.
- Assuring that accident reports are completed and submitted in a timely manner.

Responsibilities of All Employees

Each employee of the City of Kettering has a personal and vital responsibility to work safely and promote safety. Employees are required to perform their work in a way that will prevent injury and illness to themselves and fellow workers, and prevent property damage.

All City employees are responsible for:

- Maintaining active interest and participation in safety.
- Complying with all City safety policies and regulations.
- Reporting all accidents, incidents and injuries immediately.
- Being alert to safety and health hazards and correcting or reporting them.
- Performing all work in a safe manner.
- Operating vehicles and equipment and doing tasks only when trained and competent to do so.
- Using equipment and vehicles safely and for their intended use.
- Attending scheduled safety training programs.
- Encouraging fellow employees to work safely.
- Wearing personal protective equipment when required and when it makes good sense.
- Keeping work areas clean, orderly and free from hazards.
- Setting a good example for others.

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1. Definitions

Body Harness means straps which may be secured about the employee in a manner that will distribute the fall arrest forces over at least the thighs, pelvis, waist, chest and shoulders with means for attaching it to other components of a personal fall arrest system.

Dangerous Equipment means equipment (such as pickling or galvanizing tanks, degreasing units, machinery, electrical equipment, and other units) which, as a result of form or function, may be hazardous to employees who fall onto or into such equipment.

Guardrail System means a barrier erected to prevent employees from falling to lower levels.

Hole means a gap or void 2 inches (5.1 cm) or more in its least dimension, in a floor, roof, or other walking/working surface.

Low-Slope Roof means a roof having a slope less than or equal to 4 in 12 (vertical to horizontal.)

Personal Fall Arrest System means a system used to arrest an employee in a fall from a working level. It consists of an anchorage, connectors, a body belt, or body harness and may include a lanyard, deceleration device, lifeline, or suitable combinations of these. As of January 1, 1998, the use of a body belt for fall arrest is prohibited.

Roof means the exterior surface on the top of a building. This does not include floors or framework which, because a building has not been completed, temporarily become the top surface of the building.

Safety-Monitoring System means a safety system in which a competent person is responsible for recognizing and warning employees of fall hazards.

Steep Roof means a roof having a slope greater than 4 in 12 (vertical to horizontal).

Toeboard means a low protective barrier that will prevent the fall of materials and equipment to lower levels and provide protection from falls for personnel.

Warning Line System means a barrier erected on a roof to warn employees that they are approaching an unprotected roof side or edge, and which designates an area in which roofing work may take place without the use of a guardrail, body belt, or safety net system to protect employees in the area. The warning line must be flagged at least every six feet.

Work Area means that portion of a walking/working surface where job duties are being performed.

1. Purpose

The purpose of a Fall Safety Program is to ensure worker and public safety.

Employees working above ground or near shafts or depressions shall be equipped with suitable fall protection.

2. Scope

This program addresses the following areas:

Each employee on a walking/working surface (horizontal and vertical surface) with an unprotected side or edge which is 6 feet or more above a lower level shall be protected from falling by the use of guardrail systems, safety net systems or personal fall arrest systems.

A. Holes

When guardrail systems are used at holes, they shall be erected on all unprotected sides or edges of the hole.

When guardrail systems are used around holes used for the passage of materials, the hole shall have not more than two sides provided with removable guardrail sections. To allow the passage of materials, when the hole is not in use, it shall be closed over with a cover, or a guardrail system shall be provided along all unprotected sides or edges.

When guardrail systems are used around holes, which are used as points of access (such as ladder ways), they shall be provided with a gate, or be so offset that a person cannot walk directly into the hole.

B. Excavations

Each employee at the edge of an excavation 6 feet or more in depth shall be protected from falling by guardrail systems, fences, or barricades when the excavation is not readily seen because of plant growth or other visual barriers.

Each employee at the edge of a well, pit, shaft, and excavation 6 feet or more in depth shall be protected from falling by guardrail systems, fences, barricades, or covers set back from the edge of the excavation so that the weight of the individual would not cause the edge to give way.

C. Dangerous Equipment

Each employee less than 6 feet above dangerous equipment shall be protected from falling into or onto the dangerous equipment by guardrail systems or by equipment guards.

Each employee 6 feet or more above dangerous equipment shall be protected from fall hazards by guardrail systems, personal fall arrest systems, or safety net systems.

D. Low-slope roofs

Each employee engaged in roofing activities on low-slope roofs, with unprotected sides and edges 6 feet or more above lower levels shall be protected from falling by guardrail systems, safety net systems, personal fall arrest systems, or a combination of warning line system and guardrail system, warning line system and safety net system, warning line system and personal fall arrest system, or warning line system and safety monitoring system. Refer to the Ohio specific safety requirements for additional information.

E. Steep roofs

Each employee on a steep roof with unprotected sides and edges 6 feet or more above lower levels shall be protected from falling by guardrail system with toe boards, safety net systems, or personal fall arrest systems.

3. Training Program

The employer shall provide a training program for each employee who might be exposed to fall hazards. The program shall enable each employee to recognize the hazards of falling and shall train each employee in the procedures to be followed in order to minimize these hazards.

A certification of training shall indicate the date, name or other identity of the employee trained, and the signature of the person who conducted the training or the signature of the employer. The latest training certification shall be maintained.

The City Manager hereby delegates the appropriate responsibility and authority to administer this policy to the Department Directors.

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