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MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR A COMPREHENSIVE
MANAGED FALL PROTECTION PROGRAM**

1. SCOPE, PURPOSE, APPLICATIONS, EXCEPTIONS, AND INTERPRETATIONS

1.1 Scope.

1.1.1 This standard establishes guidelines and requirements for an employer's managed fall protection program, including policies, duties and training; fall protection procedures; eliminating and controlling fall hazards; rescue procedures; incident investigations; and evaluating program effectiveness.

1.1.2 This standard is for use by organizations where employees are exposed to fall hazards.

1.2 Purpose and Applications.

1.2.1 Developing and implementing a comprehensive managed fall protection program is the most effective method to: identify, evaluate, and eliminate (or control) fall hazards through planning; ensure proper training of personnel exposed to fall hazards; ensure proper installation and use of fall protection and rescue systems; and

implement safe fall protection and rescue procedures.

1.2.2 This standard covers the hierarchy of fall protection, including eliminating fall hazards, passive fall protection, fall restraint, fall arrest and administrative controls.

1.3 Exceptions.

1.3.1 The requirements and guidelines of this standard do not apply to the construction industry (SIC Division C) and sporting activities.

1.3.2 Variance from this standard is permissible only when its requirements are not feasible. In such cases, the employer shall implement fall protection measures that provide employees with an equivalent level of protection.

1.4 Interpretations. Requests for interpretations of this standard shall be in writing and addressed to the Secretariat of

E1.2.2 This standard contains a hierarchy of fall protection (See Section 5.1). The first and preferred element of the hierarchy is eliminating fall hazards.

E1.3.1 Although this standard contains some requirements for rescuing fallen workers, there are several other standards that may apply to rescue and rescue professionals. NFPA 1006 establishes the minimum job performance requirements for fire service and other emergency response personnel who perform technical rescue operations, including rope rescue; and NFPA 1670, which identifies and establishes levels of functional capability for conducting technical rescue operations safely and effectively.

this standard.