

FALL PROTECTION PROGRAM AT PWC GUAM



Inspecting fall protection equipment

Employees at Public Works Center (PWC) Guam work from heights on a regular basis. They work on scaffolds, towers, flat or sloped roofs, water tanks and smokestacks with one constant - Safety First! To this end, PWC Guam fall protection regulations underwent sweeping changes that became effective in January 1998. PWC employees work only with fall protection equipment and systems that have been thoroughly researched,

approved, and inspected by the PWC Guam Safety Office. Fall protection equipment used by PWC has undergone stringent testing and certification. In addition, PWC Guam Safety Office staff members are trained on a continuing basis by the fall protection industry's best engineering and technically competent firms. Their training equips them to provide expert guidance to PWC employees who work from heights. The Safety Office staff, shop supervisors, and co-workers provide hands on training. PWC Guam employees also attend fall protection classes at least annually in order to be authorized to continue to work from heights.



Wearing fall arresting gear to enter and work in a confined space.

During FY99, the PWC Guam Safety Office trained 100% of PWC employees at risk of falls from heights while on the job. In addition, the PWC Safety Office provided fall protection training to other safety and health professionals in Guam, including OSHA and GovGuam personnel, contractors, and employees of other branches of the military.



A rooftop perimeter wall is installed to avoid the need for individual fall arrest systems.

PWC Guam's commitment to safety translates into a fall protection program that has not experienced a fall-related mishap in over a decade.

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