

## TEST ANSWERS: WORKING AT HEIGHTS

The *BSO Plus Safety Topic* is a review designed from the BSO Plus agenda. This safety topic is your way to stay current on the safety information over the 3 years, so please ensure you submit this completed test to your employer for record retention.

1. Ontario Regulation 213/91, Section 26 states that fall protection equipment is required when a worker could be exposed to the hazard of falling more than 3 meters (10 feet), but the Safety Partnership best practice is to use fall protection equipment when working above 1.8 meters (6 feet).

a) True

b) False

**RATIONALE:** The Safety Partnership has gone above the standard of Ontario Regulation 213/91 s. 26 with the aim of reducing fatalities. While the OHSa requires workers to use fall protection equipment when working above 3 meters (10 feet), the Safety Partnership requires protections at 1.8 meters (6 feet). Make sure to use the appropriate fall protection equipment.

2. If you need to move locations while working at heights, you must maintain 100% tie-off. You do this by:

a) Going home – the work must be done by someone else

b) Unhooking your lanyard and walking carefully to the new location

c) Unhooking your first lanyard and then attaching your second lanyard to the new location

d) Attaching your second lanyard to the new location before unhooking the first

**RATIONALE:** Sometimes, you may need to move from one location to another while working at height. You must maintain 100% tie off while working at height. When moving locations, always attach your second lanyard to the new location before unhooking the first.

3. A section of the guardrail on the scaffold where you are working has been temporarily removed. What must you do to work safely?

a) Stop work until the guardrail has been restored

b) Tack on a couple of 2 x 4 boards over the open section

c) Wear your fall protection equipment and tie off while you work

d) Continue to work without fall protection equipment and try to avoid the open section

**RATIONALE:** In the event that a section of a guardrail needs to be temporarily removed, the correct safe procedure is to don your fall protection equipment and tie off while you work in that area. Your fall protection gear will be your only means of protection when no guardrail is present.

4. A 3-tag system is used for scaffold inspections. What does the yellow tag mean?
- a) Not safe to use
  - b) Okay to use with supervisor's permission
  - c) Must follow listed precautions before using**
  - d) Safe to use

**RATIONALE:** It is important to understand the three tag system. A red inspection tag on a scaffold indicates that the scaffold is unsafe to use, and only the people who are qualified to erect and dismantle scaffolds may use a red-tagged scaffold. A yellow tag indicates the need for caution. Follow the precautions listed on the yellow tag prior to using the scaffold. The green tag means the scaffold is safe to use. If no tag is present, the scaffold must be treated as if it has a red tag.

5. Guardrails must be installed no further than \_\_\_\_\_ from an edge.
- a) 300 mm (1 ft)**
  - b) 650 mm (2ft, 2in)
  - c) 2 meters (6ft, 6in)
  - d) 4 meters (13ft, 1in)

**RATIONALE:** Guardrails are the best form of fall prevention because they prevent a fall from occurring.