

FALL PROTECTION ADDENDUM – RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO CURRENT STATE

FOR REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE BY STAKEHOLDER GROUPS AFFECTED BY THE FALL PROTECTION STANDARD

TRAINING RECERTIFICATION	<i>The SME team recommends that training in fall protection include a requirement for recertification on a regular basis. It is recommended that the recertification cycle be 3 years and that the recertification course be a reduced version of the full course with emphasis on the practical aspects of fall protection</i>
SCAFFOLD TAGGING	<i>The SME team recommends that the current 3 tag system being used to provide information to scaffold users be adopted by all Client organizations for consistency</i>
FALL PROTECTION HEIGHT REQUIREMENTS	<i>The SME team recommends that fall protection requirements be implemented at 1.8 metres in place of the current legal requirement of 3 metres. It is felt that this will not only provide a greater level of protection for workers, but also a standard across the region which will reduce confusion for workers moving from one job site to another. Many Client organizations are already at this position or are moving towards this position. An additional part of this requirement is the use of self retracting lanyards as a means of providing enhanced protection from falls and prevention of the “bottoming out” phenomenon experienced in falls.</i>
RESCUE	<i>The SME team recommends that there be a standard implemented in the region requiring the use of suspension trauma protection as part of the use of fall protection equipment. The use of this type of equipment allows a worker involved in a fall to relieve pressures related to suspension from fall protection apparatus, thus allowing for more efficient rescue and the potential for self rescue</i>