

Fall Arrest Maintenance Obligations by Jurisdiction

Jurisdiction	Legislation	Sub Section / Guideline	Excerpt
Federal	Canada Labour Code	Section 125 (1)	(m) ensure that the use, operation, and maintenance of the following are in accordance with prescribed standards:
Quebec	RSST (Regulation Sante Securite Travail)	Division II General Provisions	<p>3. Purpose: The purpose of this Regulation is to establish standards ... to ensure the quality of the work environment, to safeguard the health of workers and to ensure their safety and physical well-being.</p> <p>4. Employer's obligations: The employer shall comply with the standards set hereunder, except for those of sections 312.5 and 339.</p> <p>5. Operational status of equipment: Any equipment used or installed in an establishment ... shall give optimal performance during the establishment's business hours in such manner as to provide the performance for which it was designed.</p>
Ontario	RSO 1990 OH&S	25 (1) (b)	The equipment, materials and protective devices provided by the employer are maintained in good condition.
		Reg 213/91 section 26.1 (3)	<p>The components of any system listed in subsection (2) shall be designed by a professional engineer in accordance with good engineering practice, and shall meet the requirements of any of the following National Standards of Canada standards that are applicable:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CAN/CSA-Z259.1-05: Body Belts and Saddles for Work Positioning and Travel Restraint. 2. CAN/CSA-Z259.2.5-12: Fall Arresters and Vertical Lifelines. 3. CAN/CSA-Z259.2.2-98 (R2004): Self-Retracting Devices for Personal Fall-Arrest Systems. 4. CAN/CSA-Z259.2.3-99 (R2004): Descent Control Devices.

			<p>5. CAN/CSA-Z259.10-06: Full Body Harnesses.</p> <p>6. CAN/CSA-Z259.11-05: Energy Absorbers and Lanyards.</p> <p>7. CAN/CSA-Z259.12-01 (R2006): Connecting Components for Personal Fall Arrest Systems (PFAS).</p> <p>8. CAN/CSA-Z259.14-01 (R2007): Fall Restrict Equipment for Wood Pole Climbing. O. Reg. 85/04, s. 5 (2); O. Reg. 443/09, s. 1; O. Reg. 345/15, s. 5 (2).</p>
		Guideline 21 Working at Heights	<p>Equipment Inspection, Maintenance and Storage</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Regulation for Construction Projects requires that a competent worker shall inspect a fall arrest system before each use ("s. 26.6(6)). 2. Follow the manufacturer's instructions and recommendations for equipment, including documentation, inspection schedule, maintenance, and storage. It is the duty of the owner and/or employer to ensure all equipment is inspected and maintained by a competent person. Follow the manufacturer's warnings about retirement schedules. Replace items, even if unused, according to the manufacturer's recommended retirement scheduling. 3. If the integrity of any fall protection equipment is in doubt, it shall be retired from service permanently or repaired and re-certified by the manufacturer.

			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Check with the manufacturer's instructions before using any cleansers, markers, paint, stickers on synthetic materials or hardware. 5. Store fall protection equipment to avoid moisture, abrasion, dirt, ultraviolet light, extreme temperatures, and other hazards. Use appropriate containers to store equipment.
Saskatchewan	Saskatchewan Employment Act	Occupational Health and Safety Regulation	<p>Inspection of full body harness, 7-21(1) If the use of a connecting linkage, personal fall arrest system, full-body harness or lifeline is required by these regulations, an employer or contractor shall ensure that a competent person:</p> <p>(a) inspects the connecting linkage, personal fall arrest system, full-body harness, or lifeline:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(i) as recommended by the manufacturer; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(ii) after the connecting linkage, personal fall arrest system, full-body harness or lifeline has sustained a fall-arresting incident; and</p> <p>(2) determines whether the connecting linkage, personal fall arrest system, full-body harness or lifeline is safe for continued use. (2) An employer or contractor shall ensure that a worker inspects the connecting linkage, personal fall arrest system, full-body harness or lifeline before each use and that where a defect or unsafe condition that may create a hazard to a worker is identified in a connecting linkage, personal fall arrest system, full-body harness or lifeline:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">1. steps are taken immediately to protect the health and safety of any worker who may be at risk until the defect is repaired or the unsafe condition is corrected; and</p>

			<p>2. as soon as is reasonably practicable, the defect is repaired or the unsafe condition is corrected.</p>
Alberta	OHS Code	Section 150.1	<p>Inspection and maintenance</p> <p>150.1 An employer must ensure that the equipment and personal protective equipment used as part of a fall protection system is</p> <p>(a) inspected by the worker as required by the manufacturer before it is used on each work shift,</p> <p>(b) kept free from substances and conditions that could contribute to deterioration of the equipment and personal protective equipment, and</p> <p>(c) re-certified as specified by the manufacturer.</p>
British Columbia	OHS Regulation Part 11: Fall Protection	<p>Section 11.5 Equipment standards</p> <p>11.9 Inspection and maintenance</p>	<p>11.5 (c) meet, and be used in accordance with, an applicable CSA or ANSI standard in effect when the equipment was manufactured, subject to any modification or upgrading considered necessary by the Board.</p> <p>11.9 Equipment used in a fall protection system must be</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Inspected by a qualified person before use on each work shift. 2. Kept free from substance and conditions that could contribute to its deterioration, and 3. Maintained in good working order