

Fall Protection Picture This



What's wrong in this picture? There is a man painting a wall without any fall protection. He is standing on thin boards that are not well secured. How dangerous and painful can it be if this person falls from that height?

One of the most frequent causes of slips, trips, and falls is the presence of poor walking/working surface conditions, such as slippery, uneven, or wet floors; dimly lit walkways; or areas covered with debris.

Fall injuries constitute a considerable amount of workers' compensation and medical costs; approximately \$70 billion annually in the United States, according to the National Safety Council.

Fall protection gear and proper equipment, such as ladders and scaffolds, are required for workers who are six feet or more above a lower level. Different ladders and scaffolds are appropriate for different jobs, so make sure you are providing the correct kind. If your job requires the use of personal fall arrest systems (PFAS), make sure each worker has a harness. Be sure to inspect all of the equipment to make sure it's in good order before using it.