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A NEWSLETTER FOR JAVITS CENTER CUSTOMERS



## New Work Safety Guidelines Issued

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The Javits Center has developed fall prevention guidelines to reduce work-related injuries and ensure a safer environment during the move-in and move-out periods. These recommended guidelines will help General Contractors, Exhibit Appointed Contractors,

Exhibit Booth Owners, Fabricators and workers identify a fall hazard and determine the most effective ways to prevent injury. Effective immediately, each contractor must designate a safety coordinator, who should be available while work is being performed. Before work commences, this safety coordinator will be trained by Health and Safety Manager Madeline Morano to ensure a clear understanding of safety policies and procedures and proper oversight and enforcement by the safety coordinator.

### **A) Elevated Walking/Working Surfaces:**

Where unprotected heights are greater than or equal to six (6) feet and where walking/working surface is less than 6' from an edge, fall prevention measures shall be taken by one of the two preferred control measures:

- The installation of guard rails; or
- The installation of fall restraint hardware, which is to be used with a 6' lanyard.

### **B) Video Walls**

Where working surfaces (regardless of type) are 6' or greater and where installations and/or connections of video panel(s) are required and cannot be accessed by an aerial lift, one of the following options must apply:

- The use of two 6' lanyards to ensure continuous connection is to be used; or
- The connection of a portable self-retractable lifeline (affixed to overhead light truss) and connected to the back D-Ring of the user's harness.

### **C) Fixed Ladders**

Where fixed ladders (6' or greater) are part of booth design and do not prevent falls when climbing, a portable self-retractable lifeline is to be affixed over each ladder to the light truss and connected to the back D-Ring of the users harness. The use of space frame nodes will be utilized when a light truss is not available.

### **D) Two-Story Booths**

A portable self-retractable lifeline affixed to overhead light truss or space frame node must be available and used for each worker laying down the deck of the second level. When the railings/walls of the second level are completed, the use of the lifeline is no longer needed.

### **E) Ladder Usage**

When using a 6' ladder near or around guardrails or drop offs, a distance of 6' is to be maintained from the railing. This distance can become greater depending upon the height of the ladder being used. If a structure is to be assembled/dismantled less than 6' from the guardrails or drop offs, a scissor lift is to be utilized during assembling/dismantling of the structure – such as the Crystal Palace glass railings.

### **F) Scaffolding**

A Baker type scaffold is prohibited for use where working levels exceed six (6) feet. Tubular scaffolding is permitted where the working level does not exceed 18 feet; working level must be fully planked; all guardrails in place, outriggers properly used; wheels locked while in use; and under no circumstances is the scaffold to be moved while it is occupied by personnel.

For additional questions, and to submit the contact information for your designated safety coordinator, please contact Madeline Morano at: **(212) 216-2497** (desk), **(646) 529-7233** (mobile) or e-mail at [mmorano@javitscenter.com](mailto:mmorano@javitscenter.com).

