



Dropped Objects

AFPM welcomes you to the second day of Fall Prevention Week. As part of our commitment to safety excellence, we are introducing new resources to help prevent dropped objects by **assessing tasks, tools, and materials.**

“*I secure tools and work materials to prevent dropped objects.*”

Practice sharing documents are meant to share information on process or occupational safety practices in order to help improve safety performance and awareness throughout industry. The goal is to capture and share knowledge that could be used by other companies or sites when developing new safety practices or improving existing ones. The practices being shared have been used by an industry member, but this does not mean they should be used or that they will produce similar results at any other site. Rather, it is an option to consider when implementing or adjusting programs and practices at a site. This remains true even if a practice sharing document uses mandatory language, such as shall, must, never, etc., which only reflects a potential option to consider.

By themselves, the practice sharing documents are not standards or recommended practices. They are not intended to replace sound engineering judgment. They do not preclude the use of alternative methods that comply with legal requirements. A subject matter expert should be consulted prior to determining whether a practice sharing document can be used in any specific situation.

One critical aspect to protect yourself and others against a fall when Working at Height, is the prevention of dropped objects. Preventing objects from falling from height and using physical barriers below the working area can keep you and people working below you safe. Today we share several videos that illustrate measures to secure tools or equipment while working at height. The videos provide examples of different measures for drop prevention, and emphasize the importance of dropped object prevention.

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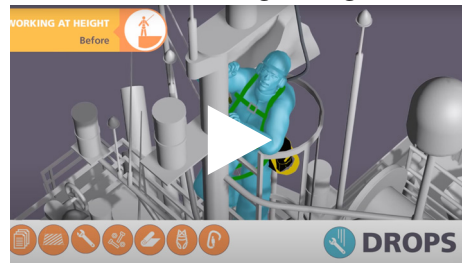
AFPM Video: Dropped Objects



IMCA DROPS Part 1



IMCA DROPS: Working at Height



Phillips 66 Dropped Objects Video



These videos can be helpful for those seeking the knowledge to be well-equipped to work safely. Don't wait any longer; start watching and take your knowledge and skills to new height.

Questions for Leaders and Supervisors

- In your company, what was the most recent learning/near miss/incident involving dropped objects? If none in your company, where do you go to find the latest industry learnings? How do line workers get access to this type of information?
- How do your workers secure their tools and work materials when working at height? How do they know when it is required?

After reviewing the resources—**test your knowledge**

