

12.3: Controlling access

Controlled Access Zones

Definition

A Controlled Access Zone is an area in which certain work, such as overhead bricklaying, may take place without the use of a guardrail system, personal fall arrest system or safety net system. The access to the area where the work is performed is strictly controlled.

Requirements

If controlled access zones are used they must meet all of the following conditions:

1. When a controlled access zone is in place the area must be defined by control lines or any other means to restrict access.
2. Control lines shall consist of ropes, wires, tapes, or the equivalent.
3. Each control line must be marked at six feet intervals with a high visibility material.

Training

Requirements

Employers must provide fall protection training for every employee who might be exposed to fall hazards. The training must include recognition of fall hazards and steps to minimize the hazards. The following areas must be covered in the fall protection training:

1. The nature of fall hazards in the work area.
2. The correct procedures for installing, maintaining, disassembling and inspecting fall protection systems.
3. The use and operation of controlled access zones and guardrail, personal fall arrest, safety net, warning line and safety monitoring systems.
4. The role of each employee in a safety monitoring system.
5. The limitations of mechanical equipment used during the performance of roofing work.
6. The correct procedures for equipment and material handling and storage and the erection of overhead protection.
7. The employee's role in fall protection plans.

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