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OSHA Indicates That Fall Protection Trainers Compliant with ANSI/ASSE Z359.2 and ANSI/ASSE Z490.1 Meet the Definition of Qualified Trainer

In a recent 4-page Letter of Interpretation (LOI) dated August 31, 2017 addressed to the International Safety Equipment Association (ISEA), OSHA indicated that fall protection trainers who are compliant with ANSI/ASSE Z359 (fall protection/arrest) and ANSI/ASSE Z490 (OSH training) will meet the definition of qualified in the agency's Walking and Working Surfaces rule.

The basic question presented by ISEA was stated as "The final rule requires that a "qualified" person train workers on fall hazards and fall protection equipment (1910.30(a)(2))...Under ANSI/ASSE Z359.2-2017, does a fall protection trainer who is also designated as a competent person meet the final rule's requirements of a "qualified person" who trains workers in fall hazards and fall protection equipment (1910.30(a)(2))?"

OSHA's answer is summarized in the next to the last paragraph of the Letter of Interpretation as "Looking at the entirety of the trainer and competent person requirements in ANSI/ASSE Z490.1-2016 and ANSI/ASSE Z395.2-2017, OSHA will consider that a trainer who is a designated competent person and meets all of the qualifications for trainers and competent persons in ANSI/ASSE standards is a "qualified person" for purposes of final rule (1910.21(b) and 1910.30(a)(2)). The expertise and knowledge that ANSI/ASSE Z490.1-2016 (5) requires fall protection trainers to possess (i.e., subject matter expertise, training experience, and technical knowledge in the

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Dec. 14, 2017

subjects they teach acquired through training, education, and/or experience; and participation in continuing education) satisfies the requirement in the final rule that trainers at least have "extensive knowledge, training, and experience" in fall protection (1910.21(b)). In addition, the responsibilities that ANSI/ASSE Z359.2-2017 (4.4) requires competent persons to perform and the extensive training they must have (5.3) clearly indicates that a competent person has "ability to solve or resolve problems relating to the subject matter, the work, or the project" that the final rule requires (1910.21(b))."

The LOI does not seem to yet be available on the OSHA website.

Confined Spaces in Residential Construction - OSHA Fact Sheet

OSHA's standard for Confined Spaces in Construction (29 CFR 1926 Subpart AA) also applies to spaces such as attics, basements, and crawl spaces. This Fact Sheet clarifies some of the standard's provisions and their application to residential construction work.

[To access the Fact Sheet, click here!](#)