

TOOL BOX TALKS

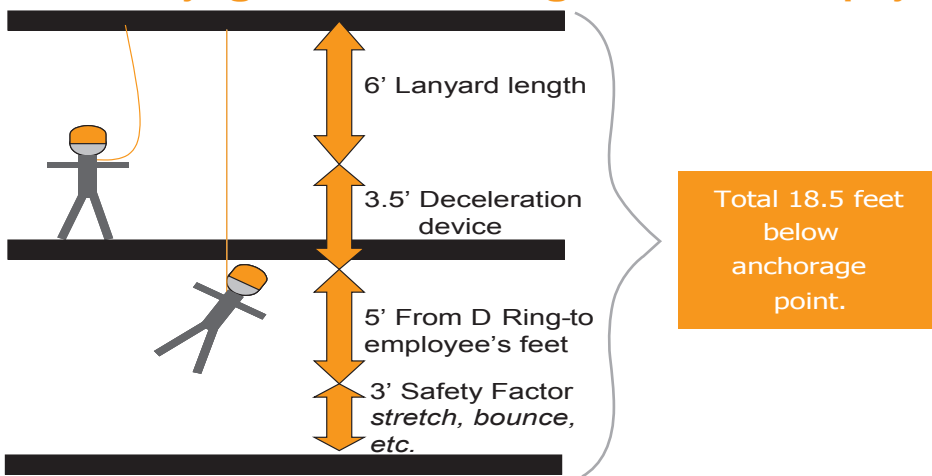
Minimizing Fall Distance

Slip, Trip and Fall Prevention

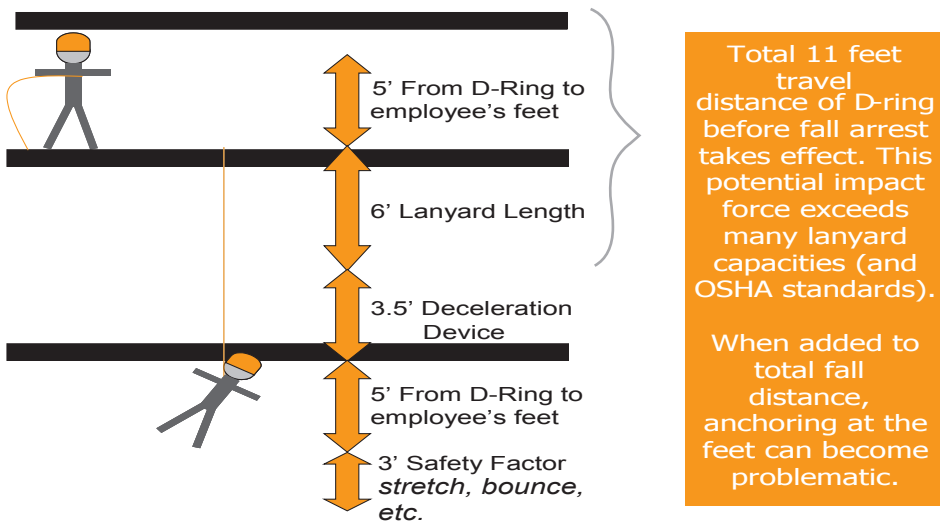


Users of a personal fall arrest system must anchor the lanyard above their head, minimizing total fall distance. Total fall distance is length of the lanyard + deceleration distance + distance from D-ring to feet and stretch factor added together. OSHA allows no more than six feet of freefall.

CORRECT: Tying off to an anchorage ABOVE the employee.



INCORRECT: Tying off to an anchorage BELOW the employee.



Survey total fall distance before assembling, designing or connecting to an anchorage.

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