

Commercial Flat Roof Fall Protection Inspection Checklist

Site / Project	_____	Address	_____
Inspector name	_____	Company	_____
Date	_____	Time	_____

Documentation aid only. Adapt this resource to the site, manufacturer instructions, and applicable local requirements. It does not replace a competent person, professional judgment, legal advice, or a required statutory form.

Inspection checklist

I. Pre-Work Planning & Documentation

☐ Is a site-specific Fall Protection Plan documented and readily available? (OSHA 1926.502(h))	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐ Has a Competent Person been designated to supervise fall protection measures? (OSHA 1926.502(f))	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐ Was a pre-work safety briefing conducted, covering fall hazards and control measures? (OSHA 1926.20(b)(1))	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐ Are inspection records available for all fall protection equipment (harnesses, lanyards, anchor points)? (ANSI Z359.11)	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐ Have weather conditions (wind, rain, ice) been assessed for their impact on fall hazards? (OSHA 1926.501)	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐ Is a documented rescue plan in place in case of a fall incident? (OSHA 1926.502(d)(20))	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐ Are relevant MSDS/SDS sheets available for all chemicals used on the roof? (OSHA 1910.1200)	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐ Are all site-specific hazards (e.g., power lines, asbestos) identified and communicated to workers?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____

II. Warning Line Systems & Safety Monitors

☐ Are warning lines erected at least 6 feet from the roof edge? (OSHA 1926.502(f)(1)(ii))	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
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☐	Are warning lines flagged every 6 feet and capable of withstanding 16 pounds of force? (OSHA 1926.502(f)(1)(iii))	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	If mechanical equipment is used, are warning lines at least 10 feet from the edge? (OSHA 1926.502(f)(1)(ii))	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Is the safety monitor competent and able to identify fall hazards? (OSHA 1926.502(k))	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Can the safety monitor effectively communicate warnings to workers? (OSHA 1926.502(k))	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Is the safety monitor free from other duties that could distract them from their safety responsibilities? (OSHA 1926.502(k))	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Are warning lines clearly visible from all angles and in all lighting conditions?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Are warning lines securely anchored to prevent displacement by wind or contact?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Is the sag in the warning line minimal to prevent workers from tripping?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____

III. Personal Fall Arrest Systems (PFAS)

☐	Inspect harnesses for damage (cuts, abrasions, chemical exposure) before each use. (ANSI Z359.11)	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Inspect lanyards for frays, cuts, and proper functioning of snap hooks. (ANSI Z359.13)	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Verify anchor points can support 5,000 lbs per worker attached. (OSHA 1926.502(d)(15))	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Are anchor points positioned to minimize swing fall hazards? (OSHA 1926.502(d))	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Is there adequate fall clearance below the work area to prevent ground contact? (OSHA 1926.502(d)(16))	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Are all components of the PFAS (harness, lanyard, anchor) compatible? (ANSI Z359)	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	If using SRLs, do they retract and lock properly when tested? (ANSI Z359.14)	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Are harnesses properly fitted to each worker? (OSHA 1926.502)	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____

☐	If using a horizontal lifeline, is it free from damage and properly tensioned?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
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IV. Skylight & Roof Opening Protection

☐	Are all skylights protected by covers or guardrails capable of withstanding 200 lbs? (OSHA 1926.501(b)(4)(i))	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
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☐	Are skylight covers clearly marked with 'HOLE' or 'COVER' to prevent accidental stepping? (OSHA 1926.501(b)(4)(ii))	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
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☐	Are skylight covers securely fastened to prevent displacement? (OSHA 1926.501(b)(4))	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
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☐	Are all other roof openings (e.g., hatchways) guarded by railings or covers? (OSHA 1926.501(b)(4))	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
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☐	Are guardrails 42 inches (+/- 3 inches) in height with a mid-rail? (OSHA 1926.502(b)(1))	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
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☐	Can guardrails withstand 200 pounds of force in any direction? (OSHA 1926.502(b)(3))	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
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☐	Are toe boards installed where there is a risk of tools or materials falling on workers below? (OSHA 1926.502(j))	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
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☐	Are skylight covers made of durable material that will not break or crack under load?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
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☐	Are skylight covers highly visible, especially in low-light conditions?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
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V. General Site Conditions & Housekeeping

☐	Are walking/working surfaces free of slip, trip, and fall hazards (debris, tools, hoses)? (OSHA 1926.25(a))	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
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☐	Are materials stored in a manner that does not create a fall hazard or obstruct walkways? (OSHA 1926.250(a)(1))	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
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☐	Are materials stored at least 6 feet away from roof edges? (Best Practice)	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
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☐	Is there adequate lighting to safely perform work tasks? (OSHA 1926.56)	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
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☐	Are ladders used for access properly secured and extended 3 feet above the landing? (OSHA 1926.1053(b)(1))	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
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☐	Are ladders inspected before each use for defects? (OSHA 1926.1053(b)(15))	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Are extension cords in good condition and properly grounded? (OSHA 1926.405)	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Is a fire extinguisher readily available and inspected? (OSHA 1926.150(c)(1))	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Is a first-aid kit readily available and adequately stocked? (OSHA 1926.50(c))	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____

Findings

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Signature

Inspector signature _____

Name _____

Date _____