

VCU Fall Hazard Assessment Form

This template is provided by VCU Safety & Risk Management for persons assessing fall hazards.

A Fall Hazard Assessment must be conducted prior to the start of work.

Questions may be directed to VCU Occupational Safety (occsafety@vcu.edu)

Building & Location:		Date(s) of Work:						
Scope of Work:		Department or Unit:						
Area Type	Y	N	Area Access	Y	N	Reason for Access	Y	N
Building Rooftop			Stairs			Electrical		
Work Platform			Fixed Ladder			Mechanical		
Ceiling/Overhead Area			Portable Ladder			Repairs		
Floor/Wall Opening			Ceiling			Cleaning		
Pipe Chase/Utility Shaft			Door			Preventative Maintenance		
Other:			Vertical/Horizontal Hatch			Work with Contractors		
Fall Distance/Height of Work:		ft.	Other:			Other:		
Potential Hazards	Y	N	Potential Hazards	Y	N	Potential Hazards	Y	N
Sloping/Unstable Surfaces			Hidden Drop-Offs			Floor Openings/Skylights/Manholes		
Slip/Trip Hazards			Moving Parts			Wall Openings		
Difficult Access			Low Light			Weather (e.g., High Wind, Rain, Lightning)		
Leading-Edge Work			Protruding Objects			Other:		
Distance from an Unprotected Edge	Y	N	Requirements			Controls	Y	N
			Guardrails > Fall Restraint > Fall Arrest > Designated Area					
Maintenance: Temporary (≤ 2 hrs) and Infrequent (≤ Monthly)						Guardrail System/Parapets		
0-6 ft			Fall protection required: guardrails, fall restraint, personal fall arrest		Covers			
6-15ft			Must use guardrails, fall restraint, personal fall arrest, designated area		Fall Restraint			
> 15 ft.			Must use guardrails, fall restraint, personal fall arrest, designated area		Fall Arrest			
Maintenance: Temporary (≤ 2 hrs) and Infrequent (≤ Monthly)						Designated Area (details in comments)		
0-6 ft			Fall protection required: guardrails, fall restraint, personal fall arrest		Work Rule (communication in comments)			
6-15ft			Fall protection required: guardrails, fall restraint, personal fall arrest					
> 15 ft.			Must use guardrails, fall restraint, personal fall arrest, designated area					
Construction: Low Sloped Roof / Walking Surface								
0-6 ft			Fall protection required: guardrails, fall restraint, personal fall arrest					
6-15ft			Fall protection required: guardrails, fall restraint, personal fall arrest					
> 15 ft.			Must use guardrails, fall restraint, personal fall arrest, work rule					
Personal Fall Arrest Equipment	Y	N	Personal Fall Arrest Equipment	Y	N	Falling Object Controls	Y	N
Temporary Anchor			Shock-Absorbing Lanyard (SAL)			Housekeeping		
Permanent Anchor			Self-Retracting Lifeline (SRL)			Toe boards		
Mobile Fall Protection Cart			SRL-Leading Edge (SRL-LE)			Net/Screen/Canopy		
Horizontal Lifeline			Full-Body Harness			Barricade		
Lifeline/Rope Grab			Other:			Relocate Equipment/Tools		
Restraint Lanyard			Other:			Other:		
Rescue Plan	Y	N	Critical Rescue Factors					
Self-Rescue			Detail any additional rescue plans, procedures, or factors that may affect rescue below: (e.g., anchor locations, potential landing areas, obstructions or other hazards)					
Portable Ladder								
Mobile Elevated Work Platform								
Fire Department (911)								
Additional Comments								