

OSHA INTERVIEW QUESTIONS - Fall Prevention

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1. What is the main reason falls are a leading cause of death in construction?

- A. Workers often ignore PPE requirements
- B. Work is frequently performed at heights of 6 feet or more
- C. Ladders are made of weak materials
- D. Scaffolds are rarely inspected

Correct Answer: B

2. Which practice must be done before using any ladder?

- A. Check weather conditions
- B. Inspect the ladder for defects
- C. Ask permission from supervisor
- D. Ensure someone holds the ladder

Correct Answer: B

3. What should a worker do if they find a ladder with broken rungs?

- A. Use it carefully
- B. Report it after the shift
- C. Tag it out of service immediately
- D. Fix it temporarily

Correct Answer: C

4. How far should straight ladder side rails extend above the landing point?

- A. 12 inches
- B. 24 inches
- C. 36 inches
- D. 48 inches

Correct Answer: C

5. What is the proper angle for setting up a straight ladder?

- A. 1:2 ratio
- B. 1:3 ratio
- C. 1:4 ratio
- D. 1:5 ratio

Correct Answer: C

6. What must workers always do when climbing a ladder?

- A. Face away from ladder
- B. Carry tools while climbing
- C. Face the ladder and use both hands
- D. Lean to reach farther

Correct Answer: C

7. What should workers avoid doing on ladders?

- A. Standing on the second step
- B. Climbing quickly
- C. Leaning out to the side
- D. Wearing gloves

Correct Answer: C

8. What is the safest way to move tools while on a ladder?

- A. Carry everything in hand
- B. Throw tools down
- C. Use a tool belt or hoist
- D. Ask a coworker to hand tools

Correct Answer: C

9. Which item should never be used to increase ladder height?

- A. Blocks or boxes
- B. A taller ladder
- C. Platform ladder
- D. Extension ladder

Correct Answer: A

10. What is the first step when preparing a scaffold for use?

- A. Check for enough planks

- B. Ensure it is fully planked and built per design
- C. Load it with materials
- D. Climb it for testing

Correct Answer: B

11. How often should scaffolds be inspected?

- A. Weekly
- B. Only after incidents
- C. Daily before each shift
- D. Once per month

Correct Answer: C

12. What should workers do if they find a defective scaffold component?

- A. Continue using with caution
- B. Remove it from service immediately
- C. Inform coworkers only
- D. Mark it but continue working

Correct Answer: B

13. What is prohibited when accessing a scaffold?

- A. Using a ladder
- B. Climbing cross-bracing
- C. Using built-in ladder access
- D. Using stair towers

Correct Answer: B

14. When must guardrails be installed on scaffolds?

- A. At 4 feet or more
- B. At 6 feet or more
- C. At 10 feet or more
- D. Any height

Correct Answer: C

15. What must be done before using mobile rolling scaffolds?

- A. Check caster brakes
- B. Add extra planks

- C. Push it while occupied
- D. Lean it on a wall

Correct Answer: A

16. What is a major cause of falls on scaffolds?

- A. Improper footwear
- B. Overloading with materials
- C. Using wood planks
- D. Working in quiet areas

Correct Answer: B

17. When should workers use personal fall protection on scaffolds?

- A. When working on suspended scaffolds
- B. When climbing access ladders
- C. At any height
- D. Only during bad weather

Correct Answer: A

18. Which factor can cause scaffold collapse?

- A. Proper assembly
- B. Tie-ins installed correctly
- C. Using unstable objects as support
- D. Regular inspections

Correct Answer: C

19. What is the main hazard when working near unprotected skylights?

- A. Heat buildup
- B. Falling through the opening
- C. Dust accumulation
- D. Noise levels

Correct Answer: B

20. What is the primary purpose of guardrails around roof openings?

- A. To store materials
- B. To prevent weather damage
- C. To prevent falls

D. To support ladders

Correct Answer: C

21. When should PFAS be inspected?

A. Weekly

B. Monthly

C. Before each use

D. Only after incidents

Correct Answer: C

22. What weight must PFAS anchorage points support?

A. 1,000 lbs

B. 3,000 lbs

C. 5,000 lbs

D. 10,000 lbs

Correct Answer: C

23. What should workers do if PFAS components show defects?

A. Continue working

B. Repair themselves

C. Remove from service

D. Use only during emergencies

Correct Answer: C

24. What is the leading cause of death in construction?

A. Electrical hazards

B. Falls

C. Chemical exposure

D. Vehicle incidents

Correct Answer: B

25. When are warning line systems allowed?

A. On all roof types

B. Only on low-slope roofs

C. Only indoors

D. Only during inspections

Correct Answer: B

26. What is required when using safety monitor systems?

- A. Monitor can perform other tasks
- B. Monitor must stay on ground
- C. Monitor must be competent and focused only on monitoring
- D. Monitor must stand far away

Correct Answer: C

27. What must workers do before stepping onto a roof?

- A. Check weather
- B. Inspect for holes, skylights, and surface integrity
- C. Install cameras
- D. Mark the area

Correct Answer: B

28. What is a major hazard of overloaded roofs?

- A. Noise
- B. Structural failure
- C. Dust
- D. Heat

Correct Answer: B

29. Which system prevents workers from reaching a fall hazard?

- A. Fall arrest
- B. Fall restraint
- C. Warning line
- D. Safety net

Correct Answer: B

30. Which system stops a worker after falling?

- A. Fall restraint
- B. Guardrails
- C. Fall arrest
- D. Warning line

Correct Answer: C

31. What is required for hole covers?

- A. Only paint markings
- B. Must support twice the load and be secured
- C. Do not need secure attachment
- D. Can be made of cardboard

Correct Answer: B

32. What causes many skylight-related deaths?

- A. Broken PPE
- B. Lack of training and unprotected openings
- C. Slippery surfaces
- D. Wind

Correct Answer: B

33. What should workers avoid doing near skylights?

- A. Carrying materials
- B. Sitting or leaning on them
- C. Wearing gloves
- D. Using tools

Correct Answer: B

34. What is the safest way to prevent falls?

- A. Eliminate the hazard
- B. Wear helmets
- C. Use gloves
- D. Work faster

Correct Answer: A

35. When must employers train workers in fall hazards?

- A. Only after incidents
- B. When required by OSHA
- C. Before assigning them to work at height
- D. At end of project

Correct Answer: C

36. Which height requires fall protection in construction?

- A. 2 feet
- B. 4 feet
- C. 6 feet
- D. 10 feet

Correct Answer: C

37. What must be done after giving Toolbox Talks?

- A. Nothing
- B. Move to next topic
- C. Collect worker feedback
- D. Provide breakfast

Correct Answer: C

38. What is the purpose of Toolbox Talks?

- A. Entertainment
- B. Short safety discussions to reinforce learning
- C. Introduce new workers
- D. Replace training

Correct Answer: B

39. What should trainers avoid during training?

- A. Encouraging questions
- B. Embarrassing workers
- C. Asking for experiences
- D. Keeping topic focused

Correct Answer: B

40. What supports workforce memory retention?

- A. Long lectures
- B. Participatory discussions
- C. Silent reading
- D. Watching others work

Correct Answer: B

41. What should workers do before climbing a ladder in winter?

- A. Use gloves
- B. Clear ice and snow
- C. Paint the ladder
- D. Work faster

Correct Answer: B

42. What is the hazard of running cords across ladders?

- A. Makes ladder dirty
- B. Creates obstructions causing falls
- C. Helps with organization
- D. Prevents overloading

Correct Answer: B

43. What must mobile scaffolds be used on?

- A. Sloped roofs
- B. Uneven ground
- C. Level surfaces
- D. Any surface

Correct Answer: C

44. What should workers avoid doing on mobile scaffolds?

- A. Locking wheels
- B. Working carefully
- C. Riding on them
- D. Checking planks

Correct Answer: C

45. What should workers check before climbing a scaffold?

- A. Height
- B. Footings and planks
- C. Paint color
- D. Brand name

Correct Answer: B

46. What is the first step when planning fall prevention?

- A. Provide PPE

- B. Train workers
- C. Identify fall hazards
- D. Install guardrails

Correct Answer: C

47. What must be guarded to prevent fall-through hazards?

- A. Pipes
- B. Windows
- C. Floor and roof openings
- D. Hand tools

Correct Answer: C

48. What is a common hazard in hoist areas?

- A. Noise
- B. Unprotected edges
- C. Lack of PPE
- D. Strong wind

Correct Answer: B

49. When should materials be removed from scaffolds?

- A. End of day
- B. After a month
- C. Never
- D. Only during rain

Correct Answer: A
