

OSHA INTERVIEW QUESTIONS - Fall Prevention

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1. During a site walk, you notice a worker climbing a ladder with a paint bucket in one hand. What is the correct action?

- A. Allow the worker to continue
- B. Tell worker to climb faster
- C. Instruct them to use both hands and hoist materials separately
- D. Ask another worker to pass items up

Correct Answer: C

2. Which of the following best describes the purpose of a risk assessment before working at height?

- A. To assign blame
- B. To identify hazards and control them
- C. To reduce project costs
- D. To complete documentation only

Correct Answer: B

3. Which item below is considered essential PPE for roofing activities with fall exposure?

- A. Safety shoes only
- B. Sunglasses
- C. Full-body harness
- D. Earplugs

Correct Answer: C

4. A scaffold is fully built, but no midrail is installed. What should the supervisor do?

- A. Allow work to continue
- B. Continue only with light tasks
- C. Stop work until proper guardrails are installed
- D. Add warning tape instead

Correct Answer: C

5. A worker is assigned to carry heavy materials up a ladder. Which method is safest?

- A. Carry in hands
- B. Throw items ahead before climbing
- C. Use a rope or mechanical hoist
- D. Walk sideways on ladder

Correct Answer: C

6. What phrase describes OSHA's fall-prevention approach?

- A. Stop, Think, Act
- B. Plan, Provide, Train
- C. Lift, Carry, Place
- D. Check, Secure, Move

Correct Answer: B

7. A skylight is present but not identified on the site drawing. What should be done first?

- A. Proceed with caution
- B. Place materials over it
- C. Mark, guard, or cover it immediately
- D. Ignore because it's small

Correct Answer: C

8. A worker is seen leaning to reach far from a ladder. What could this lead to?

- A. Better efficiency
- B. Improved speed
- C. Loss of balance and falls
- D. Reduced fatigue

Correct Answer: C

9. Which best describes a personal fall arrest system?

- A. System used for carrying tools
- B. System that stops a worker's fall in progress
- C. System for supervising workers
- D. System for warning workers verbally

Correct Answer: B

10. When inspecting PPE, which of the following indicates equipment must be removed from service?

- A. Normal wear marks
- B. Color fading
- C. Cuts, frays, or broken stitching
- D. Brand label missing

Correct Answer: C

11. A new worker is assigned to inspect scaffolds. Which requirement applies?

- A. No qualifications needed
- B. Must be trained and competent
- C. Only experience is needed
- D. Can inspect once per month

Correct Answer: B

12. Why must tools and debris be removed from scaffold platforms daily?

- A. To keep scaffold clean only
- B. To improve appearance
- C. To prevent trip or falling-object hazards
- D. To make dismantling easier

Correct Answer: C

13. A portable ladder must be placed at a 4:1 ratio. What does this mean?

- A. 4 feet of base for every 1 foot of height
- B. 4 feet away for every 1 foot wide
- C. 1 foot out for every 4 feet up
- D. Use four workers for each ladder

Correct Answer: C

14. A worker is performing tasks near overhead power lines while on a scaffold. Which area does this concern?

- A. Work at Height only
- B. Electrical safety
- C. Chemical safety
- D. Confined space

Correct Answer: B

15. When must fall protection be used on steep roofs?

- A. When roof height exceeds 2 feet
- B. Whenever workers are exposed to fall hazards
- C. Only during rain
- D. Only when supervisor is present

Correct Answer: B

16. A hazard is identified during training. What should the trainer do?

- A. Ignore and continue lesson
- B. Promise to answer later
- C. Record it and address it properly
- D. Tell workers it's not important

Correct Answer: C

17. Which factor increases risk when climbing ladders in winter conditions?

- A. Low visibility
- B. Ice and snow on rungs
- C. Cold temperature only
- D. Wearing jackets

Correct Answer: B

18. What is the first step when workers encounter an unprotected leading edge?

- A. Stand near it carefully
- B. Continue working with caution
- C. Install guardrails or fall protection
- D. Ask someone to watch them

Correct Answer: C

19. Which scenario indicates poor manual-handling technique while working at height?

- A. Using hoists for materials
- B. Carrying heavy loads while climbing
- C. Storing materials on ground level
- D. Asking for assistance

Correct Answer: B

20. What is required when accessing a scaffold platform?

- A. Climb end frames
- B. Use approved ladder or stair access
- C. Jump up carefully
- D. Climb cross-bracing

Correct Answer: B

21. Which behavior supports a strong safety culture during Toolbox Talks?

- A. Asking open questions
- B. Discouraging discussion
- C. Rushing through topics
- D. Avoiding scenarios

Correct Answer: A

22. What should be done with a ladder that has cracked rails?

- A. Repair with tape
- B. Continue using lightly
- C. Tag out and remove from service
- D. Use only indoors

Correct Answer: C

23. Which system prevents a worker from reaching a fall hazard?

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

Correct Answer: B

24. A worker must enter an area with limited oxygen and a ladder for entry. Which area is relevant?

- A. Fire safety
- B. Confined space
- C. Work at height
- D. Electrical safety

Correct Answer: B

25. What often causes falls when walking on older roofs?

- A. Strong structure
- B. Dry surfaces
- C. Hidden structural decay
- D. New coatings

Correct Answer: C

26. What must hole covers display?

- A. Company name
- B. Color coding
- C. The word 'HOLE' or similar marking
- D. Decorative paint

Correct Answer: C

27. Which action supports safe electrical practices when metal ladders are used?

- A. Using near live wires
- B. Using far from electrical hazards
- C. Leaning on power lines for support
- D. Using them during rain

Correct Answer: B

28. A worker moving materials on a scaffold slips due to clutter. Which control is most important?

- A. Good housekeeping
- B. Working faster
- C. Using taller scaffold
- D. Using gloves only

Correct Answer: A

29. Which factor makes a safety monitor ineffective?

- A. Working on same level
- B. Having other duties
- C. Standing close to edges
- D. Verbal communication

Correct Answer: B

30. Why is it dangerous to place scaffolds on uneven soil?

- A. Looks unprofessional
- B. Causes wobbling and collapse
- C. Reduces work speed
- D. Makes planks dirty

Correct Answer: B

31. Which statement best describes a 'competent person'?

- A. Anyone working long enough
- B. Person who corrects hazards and is trained to identify them
- C. A manager only
- D. Visitor on site

Correct Answer: B

32. What should workers do when encountering chemicals stored near ladders?

- A. Ignore as unrelated
- B. Move ladder to avoid spill areas
- C. Work through quickly
- D. Rest ladder on chemical containers

Correct Answer: B

33. Why should no one 'ride' a rolling scaffold?

- A. Saves time
- B. Can cause electrical shocks
- C. Scaffold may tip over
- D. Makes wheels rust

Correct Answer: C

34. Which type of fall hazard exists in hoist areas?

- A. Foot injuries
- B. Unprotected edges
- C. Fire hazard only
- D. Chemical fumes

Correct Answer: B

35. A worker uses a wooden plank supported by paint cans as a platform. What should be done?

- A. Allow if balanced
- B. Inspect cans
- C. Replace with proper scaffold or platform
- D. Permit temporary use

Correct Answer: C

36. Why must workers avoid stepping on skylight covers made of weak materials?

- A. They increase productivity
- B. They may collapse under weight
- C. They are too warm
- D. They support too much weight

Correct Answer: B

37. Which hazard can occur when ladders are placed in high-traffic walkways?

- A. Improved visibility
- B. Reduced efficiency
- C. Collisions causing falls
- D. Better access

Correct Answer: C

38. A worker is using PFAS but anchorage is attached to piping. What risk arises?

- A. Stronger support
- B. Reduced mobility
- C. Anchor may fail during fall
- D. Better positioning

Correct Answer: C

39. When is a safety net system typically used?

- A. When guardrails fail
- B. When workers need shade
- C. When fall distances exceed PFAS limits
- D. For chemical spills

Correct Answer: C

40. What is the primary risk of storing heavy materials on roofs?

- A. Better organization

- B. Falls due to structural failure
- C. Improved workflow
- D. Better visibility

Correct Answer: B

41. What should be done if weather becomes extremely windy during roofing work?

- A. Work faster
- B. Continue with caution
- C. Stop work and secure materials
- D. Remove PPE

Correct Answer: C

42. A worker is about to open a chemical container while on a scaffold. What area does this involve?

- A. Confined space
- B. Electrical safety
- C. Chemical safety
- D. Fire safety

Correct Answer: C

43. What is the safest way to prevent falls through floor openings?

- A. Paint around them
- B. Cover or guard them properly
- C. Ask workers to step over carefully
- D. Ignore small openings

Correct Answer: B

44. What does a deceleration device help reduce?

- A. Fall distance only
- B. Energy force during a fall
- C. Rope length
- D. Harness size

Correct Answer: B

45. Which action should be taken when workers report dizziness on a ladder?

- A. Allow them to finish task

- B. Tell them to hurry
- C. Stop work and safely descend
- D. Offer water but continue work

Correct Answer: C

46. A worker is lifting boxes while on a roof. Which safety area is involved?

- A. Manual handling & work at height
- B. Fire safety
- C. Chemical exposure
- D. Electrical lockout

Correct Answer: A

47. Which statement about toolbox talks is correct?

- A. They should be long
- B. They must allow worker participation
- C. They must avoid questions
- D. They should cover unrelated topics

Correct Answer: B

48. Why should equipment be stored in ventilated areas?

- A. To comply with HR rules
- B. Prevent moisture damage and corrosion
- C. To reduce noise
- D. To save space

Correct Answer: B
