

If you work in an environment where you are at risk of having an object fall on you:

- Post warning signs and barricade hazardous areas
- Use toe boards and screens on guardrails or scaffolds
- Use safety or debris nets that are strong enough to prevent collapses or penetrations
- Make sure rail openings on rail systems are small enough to prevent objects from falling through any openings
- Head protection must be worn

Fall protection is vital to worker safety. Dropped object prevention is included in fall protection and is becoming a larger concern with OSHA, recording over 50,000 such incidents per year. **ANSI/ISEA 121** has issued a standard that includes four classes of solutions for prevention:

Tool Tethering

Materials and lanyards that are designed to connect your tools to anchor points

Tool Attachments

Attachment points that are installed in the field onto equipment that give the proper connection point for tethering

Anchor Attachments

Points designed to be installed on equipment, structures, or workers to give the proper connection point for tethering

Containers (or bags)

Devices that will carry equipment and tools to and from varying heights

Have a program, have a plan: Design a comprehensive plan that is specific to your jobsite. Ensure all workers are aware of any hazards and know to act immediately if an injury does occur.

ANSI/ISEA 121* and OSHA current standards: 1910.29(k), 1910.28(c)

*This standard does not specify proper use of equipment. Proper use of equipment is specified by the manufacturer. This standard is for the design, testing, performance and labeling requirements of tool tethering systems and containers.

