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 $\underline{Fixed\ Ladders}$  - a ladder with rails or individual rungs that is permanently attached to a structure, building,

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#### Department Safety Coordinator

Assist with the identification and implementation of specific walking-working surfaces and guarding where required

Inspect walking-working surfaces for appropriate guarding, conditions and housekeeping as needed or upon request

#### **Employees**

Understand and identify when fall hazards are present

Maintain housekeeping in assigned areas to prevent falls

Ensure aisleways are always kept clean and clear for egress

#### **Outside Contractors**

Perform all work in compliance with the compan{øu walking-working surfaces program, which will be reviewed and approved by the EHS/RM department.

If the company does not have a program, it must comply with this program

### 6. Hazards Associated with Walking-Working Surfaces

Walking and working surface falls cause the majority of injuries in general industry. The following hazards, among others, can lead to personal injury or death:

Falls from an elevated level

Falls from an unprotected edge

Falls through unprotected floor openings

Falls as a result of slips and trips

Injuries from falling objects

Improperly designed platforms, ladders, walkways etc.

### 7. Engineering Controls

Engineering controls are design plans or changes to the working environment to prevent or reduce employee exposure to potential fall hazards. The following example engineering controls should be considered in area design to reduce the risk of falls.

Proper construction of elevated locations

Use of hand, knee and toe rails where required

Proper design of fixed ladders and stairs

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Adequate lighting in areas

Adequate storage space to reduce clutter in walkways

## 8. Administrative

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Toeboards must be installed around floor and wall openings and where the potential exists for tools and other materials to fall on personnel working below.

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Stairs shall be free of clutter, and treads must be reasonably slip resistant.

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## 12. References

The following reference was used in the development of this Program:

OSHA Standards on Walking-Working Surfaces, Subpart D; 29 CFR 1910.21 ó 30

## **13. Revision History**

Revision Number	Date Revised	Description of Change	Revised By	Approved By
0	10/08/2018	Initial Issue		VC Shuford
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