

A Look at the ANSI Standards

Since ANSI standards are well known and copies can be obtained from ANSI themselves, we choose at this time to provide you with the following information which is stated in the Forward of ANSI Z359.1B 1992.

"An American National Standard implies a consensus of those substantially concerned with its scope and provisions. An American National Standard is intended as a guide to aid the manufacturer, the consumer, and the general public. The existence of an American National Standard does not in any respect preclude anyone, whether they have approved the standard or not, from manufacturing, marketing, purchasing, or using products, processes, or procedures not conforming to the standard. ..."

Furthermore, ANSI states:

"E1.2.2. This is a voluntary consensus standard. The legal requirements for protection against falls from heights are established by applicable regulatory bodies governing occupational safety."

In other words, OSHA regulates the standard and our harness not only exceeds ANSI Z359.1 but also exceeds the current OSHA standards.

Furthermore,

"This standard was developed and approved for submittal to ANSI by the American National Standards Committee on Standards for Fall Protection, Z359. Committee approval of the standard does not necessarily imply that all Committee members voted for its approval."

**The above published statements clearly show that
fall protection is regulated by OSHA and not ANSI.**

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