

Fall Protection: Guardrails

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THE HAZARD

Guardrails are the protection that works without anyone remembering to clip on. They also fail silently, because a rail that was removed for a delivery looks exactly like a rail that was never there.

WHAT GOES WRONG

- A section taken down for a material lift and not replaced before the crew moves back in.
- Top rail at the wrong height, no mid-rail, or no toe board where there is work below.
- Rails built from whatever was on hand, unable to take the load they are rated for.
- New leading edges opened up during the shift with nobody told.

CONTROLS: BEFORE YOU START

- Walk every open edge on this job before work starts. It changes weekly at this stage.
- Check top rail height, mid-rail and toe board on each run, not just the first one.
- If you remove a section, you own it: barricade the gap and replace it before you leave.
- Report a damaged, loose or missing rail immediately rather than working around it.
- Where a guardrail cannot go, arrange another system before the work starts, not after.

ASK THE CREW

1. Which edges opened up on this site since yesterday?
2. Who took a rail down this week, and did it go back?
3. Is there anyone working below an edge that has no toe board?
4. Where on this job is a guardrail doing a job it was not built for?

ATTENDANCE RECORD

Everyone present signs below. This sheet is the record of the talk.

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