

**Course Syllabus: Inspection of PPE - Competent Person****Code: TSK1U**

**Intended for:** Provides skills for inspecting PPE for work at height. After the course the candidates will be competent to carry out thorough examinations of equipment and keep traceable records of this under LOLER and WaH regulations.

**Introduction:** This course delivers the approved syllabus issued by the Work at Height Safety Association - ([www.wahsa.org.uk](http://www.wahsa.org.uk)). WAHSA members have agreed that any person who has been trained in this syllabus will be competent to inspect items of personal fall protection equipment from any manufacturer who is a member of WAHSA (includes nearly all UK FPE manufacturers).

Candidates are taught the requirements for obsolescence, care and maintenance for a range of personal equipment and are taught specific inspection criteria for each category of product. The different requirements for metal and textile items are explained, together with the need for adequate documentation and record keeping required to satisfy the Regulations.

**CONTENT**

**Knowledge:** Characteristics of fall protection equipment for restraint, positioning and arrest  
Considerations for safe use.  
Legislation and the need for inspection - PUWER, WAHR, LOLER  
Current HSE guidance and research  
WAHSA guidance notes for inspecting fall protection equipment  
Manufacturer's requirements for marking and labelling  
Understanding product user instructions  
Obsolescence and longevity  
Compatibility of system components  
Traceability, conformity and certification  
Storage, cleaning and maintenance  
Test methods for EN 361, 354, 355  
Pre-use checking of equipment  
Record keeping

**Practical skills:** Identifying components of fall protection systems  
Understanding basic design requirements  
Understanding critical defects  
Methods of inspection for textile and metal items  
Methods of recording  
Carrying out inspections according to BS 8437 checklists

**Entry Requirements:** Candidates should have an elementary knowledge of the equipment used in their industry sector.

**Assessment Method:** Practical and written test.  
Includes inspection of samples with various degradation or damage.

**Course Duration:** 1 day                      **Candidate Ratio:** 1:12

**Revalidation Period:** Certification valid for 3 year(s).

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