

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). 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

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.

Medical Req: None

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 years.