

Residential Competent Person

Who is this class for?

This class is for anyone working at heights with high exposure, decision makers, and supervisors who will be responsible for answering questions about Fall Protection. All job sites should have at least one Competent Person present at all times.

What is a “Competent Person“?

The term "Competent Person" is used in many OSHA standards and documents. An OSHA "Competent Person" is defined as "one who is capable of identifying existing and predictable hazards in the surroundings or working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous to employees, and who has authorization to take prompt corrective measures to eliminate them"[\[29 CFR 1926.32\(f\)\]](#).

Does ANSI require your company to have a “Competent Person“?

ANSI Z359.2-2007 requires that a company provide Competent Persons to supervise authorized persons who are exposed to fall hazards.

What are the advantages of attending a “Competent Person” class?

This class has all the information that a person will need to allow him or her to solve problems dealing with Fall Protection. It will also give that person confidence in knowing that he or she is making the right decision.

What does the “Residential Competent Person” class entail?

At the beginning of the class, we will provide you with a manual. We will present a PowerPoint presentation with hands on exercise. We will cover the following:

- All parts of the Fall Protection Hierarchy
- The four parts of a Fall Arrest System
- Inspection of Fall Protection Systems
- Standards summary
- The proper donning of the harness
- Proper usage of the equipment
- How to maintain the equipment
- When and where the equipment is needed
- Basic Rescue systems
- Pre-job planning, JSA's, and Rescue plans



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In addition, our Residential Competent Person class will cover working from ladders, horizontal lifelines, and man lifts. We also conduct hands-on exercises throughout the class, along with Fall Protection demonstrations in order to illustrate how the amount of arresting forces are generated utilizing various types of lanyards. After the classroom segment is completed, the students will perform their JSA before each climbing scenario is performed. Each scenario is documented and signed by the instructor and the student to make sure that they understand the proper technique. At the end of the class, we will issue a test to make sure the information is retained. At the conclusion of the class, we will issue a card certifying completion if the student passed the test.

Where can Safety Connection, Inc. perform the class?

We can instruct at your location if there is a safe climbing structure to perform our scenarios or the class can be taught at our indoor training facility in Baton Rouge, LA.