



U.S. Department of Labor
Occupational Safety & Health Administration

www.osha.gov

MyOSHA

Search



Advanced Search | A



Violation
Quish Wc

Standard Cited: 5A0001

Violation Items		
Nr: 306812165	Citation: 01001	Issuance: 08/18/2004 ReportingID: 0111400
Viol Type: Serious	NrInstances: 1	Contest Date:
Abatement Date: 09/14/2004 X	Nr Exposed: 1	Final Order:
Initial Penalty: 2500.00	REC:	Emphasis:
Current Penalty: 1250.00	Gravity: 03	Haz Category: FALLING

Penalty and Failure to Abate Event History						
Type	Event	Date	Penalty	abatement	Type	FTA Insp
Penalty Z:	Issued	08/18/2004	2500.00	09/14/2004	Serious	
Penalty I:	Informal Settlement	09/09/2004	1250.00	09/14/2004	Serious	

Text For Citation: 01 **Item/Group:** 001 **Hazard:** FALLING

Section 5(a)(1) of the Occupational Safety & Health Act of 1970: The employer did not furnish employment and a place of employment which were free from recognized hazards that were causing or likely to cause death or serious physical harm to employees, in that employees were exposed to a fall hazard. Location - 420 Boylston Street, Boston: On or about 04/12/04, a horizontal line used as anchorage for supporting a rope descent system, consisting of a polyester and ployolefin fiber did not conform to ANSI/IWCA I-14.1 2001 Standard for Window Cleaning, thereby exposing an employee to fall hazards. Feasible abatement methods include but are not limited to the following: 1. Consult a qualified professional engineer to design a horizontal line and determine that is caplable of supporting the load factor based on the nominal strength of wire rope, its end terminations and anchorages. 2. Implement a comprehensive safety program that includes hands on employee training in the proper use of approved rigging, fall protection systems, and rescue techniques. 3. Perform an evaluation of all employees to have full comprehension of the safety training program, manufacturers instructions and limitations of the RDS equipment and the ANSI/IWCA I-14.1 2001 Standard for Window cleaners. 4. Ensure a competent person inspects all anchor points and rigging components being used prior to start of work, before each use, and ensure all working practices and procedures for window cleaning operations are performed under supervision of a competent person. 5. Submit a plan of service to the building owner or his agent to adress all safety concerns and to identify the use of anchorage points, prior to service being performed. 6. Remove from service any defective components of the RDS system that supports human life. 7. Ensure all ropes are protected from contact with any surface that may abrade, sever, weaken or damage it.

[Back to Top](#)

www.osha.gov

[Contact Us](#) | [Freedom of Information Act](#) | [Customer Survey](#)
[Privacy and Security Statement](#) | [Disclaimers](#)

Occupational Safety & Health Administration
200 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20210