Personal Fall Arrest System
Anchorage Points


NOTE: When using a retractable lifeline, the distance is calculated from the point where the retractable attaches to the back D-ring of the worker's harness.

Calculating Fall Clearance Distance Using a Retractable Lifeline

- First, add the maximum free fall distance ( 2 ft .) with a retractable lifeline to the maximum deceleration distance ( $3-1 / 2 \mathrm{ft}$.) to the average height of a worker ( 6 ft .).
- Then, add a safety factor of 3 ft . to allow for the possibility of an improperly fit harness, a taller than average worker and/or a miscalculation of distance.
- The total, $14-1 / 2 \mathrm{ft}$. is the suggested safe fall clearance distance for this example.


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Anchorage Points


NOTE: Should the shock-absorbing lanyard be used in conjunction with a cross-arm anchorage connector or other, the additional length of the anchorage connector must be taken into consideration.

Calculating Fall Clearance Distance Using a ShockAbsorbing Lanyard and D-Ring Anchorage Connector

- First, add the length of the shock-absorbing lanyard ( 6 ft .) to the maximum elongation of the shock absorber during deceleration ( $3-1 / 2 \mathrm{ft}$.) to the average height of a worker ( 6 ft. ).
- Then, add a safety factor of 3 ft . to allow for the possibility of an improperly fit harness, a taller than average worker and/or a miscalculation of distance.
- The total, $18-1 / 2 \mathrm{ft}$. is the suggested safe fall clearance distance for this example.

