



Operating Procedures Outline Sheet (OPOS)

Creation or updating of this critical California-required safety document

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Cal/OSHA's fall protection regulations differ from federal OSHA, particularly with the requirement for an Operating Procedures Outline Sheet (OPOS) for work on rooftops of buildings over 36 feet. This document outlines essential safety information for workers and vendors, and its absence can lead to significant fines for employers and building owners. OPOS can only be created by companies like Diversified Fall Protection, who have a California SIT license, which certifies their expertise and ability to ensure Cal/OSHA compliance.

When Is An OPOS Needed?

California states in their code of regulations, Title 8, Section 3282, that all buildings over 36 feet require an OPOS if any of the following apply:

- The building does not have an established window cleaning system or window cleaning procedures.
- The building's procedures have been changed due to building modifications.
- The building has extreme architectural features, requiring the use of complex rigging or equipment.

Oftentimes buildings that require window cleaning or façade maintenance fall under this requirement. The owner of the building is responsible for ensuring that an OPOS exists and is current.

Using An OPOS

An OPOS must include a roof plan with the building's name, address, and OPOS preparation date, clearly marking drop zones, anchorage points, and "Danger Zones." It should outline specific maintenance procedures, fall protection requirements, equipment limitations, and emergency protocols, ensuring safe access, equipment stabilization, and fall exposure control. The OPOS must be shared with any vendor who might need access to the roof, and should be posted in an easily visible location at the roof access point.

If your building requires an OPOS, reach out to the experts at Diversified, who can create OPOS for your site, or update out-of-date OPOS to achieve compliance.

OPOS Highlights

- OPOS are documents showcasing proper safety protocol when accessing the roof.
- OPOS can only be created by companies with an active SIT license.
- OPOS are required on most buildings that require window cleaning or façade maintenance over 36 feet.
- Diversified can create OPOS for your building, or update outdated/non-compliant OPOS when necessary.