Has a hazard assessment been done?
This will show you where the hazards are and where fall protection is required. Even better, each site should have a fall protection work plan. It’s important that everyone understands and follows the work plan.

Have controls been put in place to eliminate or reduce the likelihood of a fall?
Find the solutions to any fall-related hazards found during the hazard assessment. These should be included in your work plan. Solutions could include eliminating the hazard by putting up guardrails or controlling the hazard by finding appropriate anchor locations and figuring out what type of fall protection equipment is needed.

Has a fall rescue plan been developed?
Before workers use a fall arrest system on a project, the employer is legally required to develop written procedures for rescuing someone whose fall has been arrested. Having a good rescue plan in place and making sure everyone knows what to do in case of an emergency can save a life.

Demonstrate
With your crew, review the site-specific fall hazards and the controls that were put in place. Make sure everyone understands when fall protection is required and what equipment needs to be used.

Review the site’s fall rescue plan and fall protection work plan. Make sure they’re posted in a conspicuous place at the project and show your crew where they’re located. (If your company doesn’t have them, visit the Fall Prevention and Working at Heights topic page at ihsa.ca and download templates you can use to develop them.)

*Based on information provided by the Ministry of Labour (MOL), February 2018.