

# Safety Flash

## Employee tripped over lanyard while wearing fall protection

### Incident Summary:

On 1/21/10, a contract employee was wearing fall protection while working at ground level while overhead material was being lowered. During this process, employee tripped over the lanyards of his fall protection and fell to the ground. The employee was not injured but the potential for injury was clearly present.

### Initial Investigation:

The employee had the double lanyards attached properly to the "D" ring in the back with the other ends hooked to the positioning rings on the sides of the harness. This allowed the lanyard slack to loop very close to the ground and the employees feet. When the employee stepped back, his foot became entangled in the loop tripping the employee.

### Recommendations:

- Ensure lanyards are attached to where the slack is reduced and do not present a trip hazard..

