

# Health & Safety Guidelines for the Nova Scotia Screen Based Production Industry

## Summary of Changes

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The following is a summary of recent revisions to the Health & Safety Guidelines for the Nova Scotia Screen Based Production Industry. This information is provided for convenience only. It is not a substitute for reviewing the guidelines or the regulations themselves and cannot be relied on. The occupational health and safety regulations can be found on the Registry of Regulations website at:

<http://www.gov.ns.ca/just/regulations/rxam-z.htm#ohs>

### **Guideline No. 6, Section 'A'**

- A manufactured portable ladder must meet the latest version of CSA Standard CAN 3-Z11 Section 148 includes a requirement for annual inspection of ladders and records to be kept.

### **Guideline No. 6, Section 'B'**

- Scaffolding must be erected, installed, assembled, used, handled, stored, adjusted, maintained, repaired, inspected or dismantled in accordance with the latest version of CSA standard CSA Z797, "Code of Practice for Access Scaffold".
- A guardrail must be designed and installed in compliance with the latest version of CSA standard CSA Z797, "Code of Practice for Access Scaffolds".
- Employees who erect or use scaffold shall be trained in accordance with the latest version of CSA standard Z797, "Code of Practice for Access Scaffold". A record of the employees training must be maintained by the employer and training organization and the employee shall be provided with certificate or card.

### **Guideline No. 6, Section 'C'**

- Whenever any form of fall protection is used where the maximum fall distance is less than 7.5 m, except for permanent guardrails, a written fall-protection safe-work procedure must be established.
- Whenever any form of fall protection is used where the fall distance is greater than 7.5 m, except for permanent guardrails, a written fall-protection safe-work plan must be established.
- Employees must take and successfully pass training on fall protection at least once every 3 years and they must have their fall protection training certificate or card available at the workplace at all times. Keep training records. A record of the employees training must be maintained by the employer and the training organization.

- All components of the Fall Arrest System, as well as training and inspections, must comply with the latest version of CSA standard CSA Z259.16, “Design of active fall-protection systems”.

#### **Guideline No. 11, Section ‘C’**

- Where required, a written safe-work procedure traffic control plan shall be developed by the Production Manager and/or Location Manager prior to work start. Plans should be communicated to affected personnel before implementation.
- Employees who are on foot at a temporary highway workplace must wear high-visibility clothing in accordance with CSA standard CSA Z96.1.
- Employees who direct traffic must use a flashlight with a red cone, or equivalent light, from a half hour after sunset to a half hour before sunrise, or when visibility is limited and a person is not clearly visible at a distance of 100 m.
- If an employee has a vehicle equipped with flashing lights, the employee must have the flashing lights turned on while working at the temporary highway workplace.

#### **Guideline No. 12**

- Whenever there is a risk of drowning, personal flotation devices that are approved by Transport Canada, Canadian Coast Guard or US Coast Guard must be worn.

#### **Guideline No. 20**

- Plans for all gas systems supplying open flames (including small propane rigs) shall be submitted to and approved by the Nova Scotia Department of Labour and Advanced Education, Fuel Safety Branch.

#### **Appendix Q**

- The employer must inspect, maintain and service the fire protection equipment in accordance with the manufacturer’s specifications. The employer must ensure that all fire extinguishers are inspected annually.