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# ROOF ANCHOR NEWS BULLETIN

## IMPORTANT NOTICE - RE: New Ministry of Labour Guidelines

The new Ministry of Labour Guidelines for the Design, Installation and Use of Fall Arrest Anchor Points, Tie-Back Anchor Points and Primary Support for Suspended Equipment Systems was released on April 3, 2013. The purpose of the new Guideline is to support design engineers, building owners, employers, supervisors and workers.

New Guideline updates include:

- **Fall Protection**
- **Structure Certification**
- **Parapet Wall Approval**
- **Adhesive Anchors**
- **Roof Plans & Work Plans**
- **Roof Access Hatches and Ladders**



We understand each Window Washing / Suspended Access System is unique. More often, it is due to lack of proper documentation and Engineer approved Drawings that result in Ministry of Labour Compliance Orders being issued.

Your Logbook is an essential part of your Safety System, and it is imperative to ensure your Logbook is maintained and up to date with all relevant information and Reports. Ascent Consulting can assist you to ensure your responsibilities are covered by producing System documentation and Drawings that are accurate and complete.

Our years of experience in this specialized industry allow us to perform in-depth analysis of the equipment you own and determine how best to address issues that are oftentimes overlooked until an MOL Stop Work Order is enforced. We understand the Regulation, Guidelines and CSA Standards can oftentimes be confusing. This is why you need Ascent Consulting to review your System and/or Logbook to avoid any unnecessary surprises when the Ministry of Labour shows up. We offer an unbiased opinion, and since we do not sell the equipment proper, you can rest assured we only address issues in need of resolution.

Services Ascent Consulting provides include:

- ❖ **New Construction and Retrofit Design:** Design Concept Drawings, Specifications, Bid Forms, and Project Management.
- ❖ **Annual Inspections and Technical Audit Inspections:** Detailed, analytical review of System design, intended usage and System compliance with applicable governing standards.
- ❖ **Load Testing and Drawings:** For new and existing Safety Systems.
- ❖ **Consultation:** In need of an informed opinion?

For more related information and clarification of our New Construction and Industrial Fall Protection services, please visit our new and improved website at [www.ascentcon.ca](http://www.ascentcon.ca), and while you're there, check out our [profile](#) to see the value we bring to your team.

Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE - RE: Davit Arm Systems Failure

In addition to the new Guidelines, an ALERT Bulletin was issued by the Ministry of Labour regarding Davit Arms.

Davit Systems incorporate portable components that require special attention and regular maintenance in order to preserve integrity and longevity. We have extensive knowledge of various types of Davit components and can assist you on how best to maintain your custom Safety Equipment.

### How We Can Help:

Our comprehensive Log for Davit Systems identifies each individual Davit component, including quantities, to help Property Managers and Owners understand and keep track of their various portable units. Our sign-in / sign-out documentation is custom to suit the Equipment you own.



We also offer detailed Set-Up Instruction Drawings for Davit Arms to include in your Logbook. Our understanding from in-field experience is that there is a need for proper detail of Davit Arm Assembly components to ensure your Equipment is not misused and prematurely degraded. Our Davit Assembly Drawings identify each part and how they all "fit" together.

For your **FREE** initial consultation, please contact us at 905-349-3596

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### Valuable Links for your reference:

[NEW MOL Guidelines for Window Cleaning](#)

[Alert RE: Davit Arm System Failure](#)

[Ladder Safety in Construction](#)

[Workers Falling Through Skylights](#)