**Elevated Surfaces Template Guide**

The template criteria provided below is a sample list of audit or inspection criteria that is potentially related to the operations at your organization. You may review the samples below and use them as jumping off points for creating custom audit or inspection templates in the SafetySkills Empower system. They may be used in their entirety without change or edited and expanded to suit the specific needs of your organization. Use of these criteria is entirely optional and to be used at your discretion.

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| Are signs posted, when appropriate, that show load capacities of elevated floors? |
| Are elevated surfaces (more than four feet\* above the floor or ground) provided with standard guardrails? |
| Are guardrails the nominal height of 42 inches above the elevated surface? |
| Are all elevated surfaces beneath which people or machinery could be exposed to falling objects provided with standard toeboards? |
| Is a permanent means of entering and exiting the elevated work surfaces provided? |
| Is material on elevated surfaces piled, stacked, or racked to prevent it from tipping, falling, collapsing, rolling, or spreading? |
| Are all elevated surfaces beneath which people or machinery could be exposed to falling objects provided with toeboards (minimum 3.5” vertical height)? |
| Is required headroom provided where necessary? |
| Are dock boards or bridge plates used when transferring materials between docks and trucks or railcars? |
| Are dock boards or bridge plates secured in place when they are in use? |
| Are lanyards and/or PFAS systems available for use, if appropriate?\*Heights differ by industry – OSHA 4ft general industry / 5ft shipyards / 6ft construction / 8ft longshoring operations |