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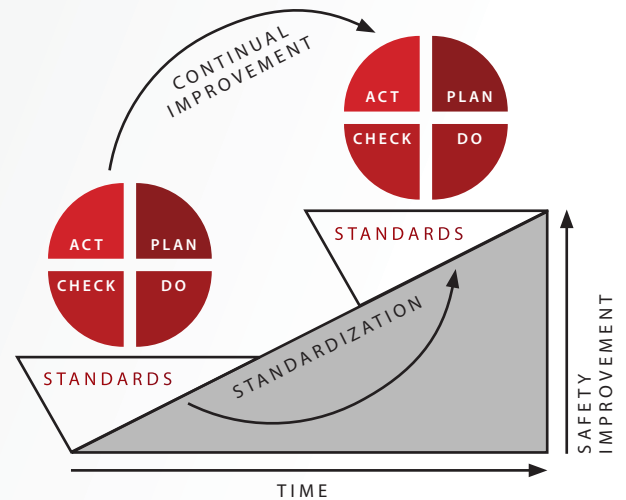
ELEVATING SOLUTIONS

STANDARDIZATION

The Work at Height industry is no longer new, as significant progress has been made in identifying and controlling fall risks over the past four decades. Despite this progress, there is still much work to be done. As the industry strives to innovate and make its mark, new standards have emerged through what is known as “Industry Best Practice”.

These standards are particularly valuable in the absence of clear legal guidance. By learning from past experience and incident investigations, the industry has been able to identify and control all people from falling and falling object hazards before and during a task, by developing and implementing standards, and monitoring and reviewing the effectiveness.

This process is continuously applied to ensure continuous improvement. This approach to standardization allows for growth and development within the industry, but it also poses other challenges. In situations where two managers or customers give conflicting instructions, there is no easy solution, and following one over the other may lead to negative consequences.



Let's look at this from a rigging and lifting point of view:

We at Gravity teach our clients that you must have a progress capture device when conducting rigging and lifting activities. This ensures that if you accident ally let go of the rope in unforeseen circumstances, the load will remain in place.

But what happens when someone down the line decides this is unnecessary? What happens when Customer A's standard requires it, and Customer B does not?

Another example of this is where Customer A has one procedure for Rigging and Lifting with certain limitations and Customer B has a different procedure and limitations. This means our “last mile guy” must remember two methods. For Customer A I must do the task in a specific way, and for Customer B I must do the task in another way.

This opens door for chaos and confusion to reign free, when someone can choose to ignore a safety recommendation or needs to use two methodologies, because it differs from client to client. Eventually the “last mile guy” will confuse, ignore or forget requirements for Customer A because they are not aligned with Customer B, it is at this point that standardization does not only become important, but critical.

It is critical that the key decision makers in this industry align themselves to the minimum standard for Work at Height and Rigging and Lifting methodologies that deliver the same outcome. It is critical that training, equipment and method statements align with these minimums, and it is critical that the “last mile guy”, apply the principles correctly. If we cannot agree on that, it will inevitably create confusion that will at some point, lead to a tragic and preventable loss of life.

Gravity has undertaken the responsibility of promoting alignment within the Work at Height and Rigging industry by developing stable and dependable policies and procedures for the benefit of those in the field. We welcome you to reach out to Gravity for assistance in establishing internal policies and procedures that adhere to industry best practices and meet global client requirements. Our policies and standards are founded on the principles of Quality, Productivity, and Safety.



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