

### **Roof Access and Fall Protection Statement**

The University of Scranton  
Environmental Health and Safety Office

**Topic:** Roof Access for Non-Authorized University Staff, Faculty, Students and Visitors

**Position Statement:** OSHA Regulations require The University to control access to fall hazards, specifically roofs where unprotected edges are accessible. For these areas, access is to be limited to trained and authorized individuals under a department-specific fall protection plan. This position prohibits access to roofs by unauthorized individuals.

- *Exception: OSHA will permit access to roofs that qualify as a “designated area”, identified as a location on a roof that is (1) located away from fall hazards, such as edges; (2) secured by a visible rope, wire or chain and supporting stanchions; and, (3) not located on a roof with more than 10% grade.*

### **Referenced Regulatory Criteria and Industry Standards:**

*The U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)*

1. Walking-Working Surfaces, 29 CFR 1910 Subpart D
2. Duty to Have Fall Protection, 29 CFR 1926.501
3. Fall Protection Systems, Criteria and Practices, 29 CFR 1926.502
4. Fall Protection Training, 29 CFR 1926.503

*American National Standards Institute (ANSI)*

1. ANSI/ASSE A1264.1-2007, Safety Requirements for Workplace Walking/Working Surfaces and Their Access; Workplace Floor, Wall and Roof Openings; Stairs and Guardrail Systems.