When using warning line systems, comply with the following provisions:

- When mechanical equipment is not being used, erect the warning line not less than 6 feet (1.8 m) from the roof edge.
- Using ropes, wires, or chains along with supporting stanchions, erect warning lines as follows:
  - Flag the rope, wire, or chain at not more than 6-foot (1.8 m) intervals with high-visibility material.
  - Rig and support the rope, wire, or chain in such a way that its lowest point (including sag) is no less than 34 inches (0.9 m) from the walking/working surface and its highest point is no more than 39 inches (1.0 m) from the walking/working surface.

Connect points of access, materials handling areas, storage areas, and hoisting areas to the work area by an access path formed by two warning lines.

When the path to a point of access is not in use, place a rope, wire, chain, or other barricade—equivalent in strength and height to the warning line—across the path at the point where the path intersects the warning line erected around the work area, or offset the path so that a person cannot walk directly into the work area.

Safety Tip #17

Don’t put your life on the line.
Additional Information for Presenters
Review the information provided on the reverse side of this safety tip sheet. Please refrain from reading the information verbatim—paraphrase it instead.

OSHA Standards That May Apply:
1926.502 Fall protection systems criteria and practices

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