

SANS Standards Reference Overview Document

Why SANS Compliance Matters

- Ensures work at height is legally compliant in South Africa
- Reduces risk of accidents, liability, and insurance issues
- Supports audit-ready documentation and traceable records
- Aligns installation, inspection, and maintenance practices with recognized standards

Key SANS Standards for Height Safety Systems

- **SANS 50795** – Anchor systems for personal fall protection
Covers design, installation, inspection, and load testing. Annual inspection and pull testing are required.
- **SANS 50812** – Fall arrest and restraint equipment
Covers manufacturing, maintenance, and inspection of equipment. Always check expiry dates and certification.
- **SANS 52026** – Fixed access ladders, platforms, and walkways
Ensures structural integrity and safety features. Verify proper materials and secure installation.
- **SANS 50361** – Lifeline systems
Covers installation, inspection, and user compliance. Include documentation in the site safety file.
- **SANS 10160** – Structural loading
Ensures structures can bear required loads. Applies to anchors, lifelines, and platforms.
- **ISO / EN equivalents**
Where international standards apply, ensures global compliance for imported or exported systems. Reference only if international equivalence is required.

Compliance Tips & Notes

- Always keep inspection and certification records with the system
- Confirm that components are within valid certification periods
- Use this reference to guide annual inspections and corrective actions
- Ensure that site staff are familiar with the relevant standards for their equipment