

UNDERSTANDING THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AUTHORIZED, COMPETENT & QUALIFIED PERSON'S

As Defined by the Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA)

AUTHORIZED PERSON

OSHA 1926.32(d) - *Authorized person* means a person approved or assigned by the employer to perform a specific type of duty or duties or to be at a specific location or locations at the jobsite.

OSHA 1910.21(b) - *Authorized* means an employee who the employer assigns to perform a specific type of duty, or allows in a specific location or area.

COMPETENT PERSON

OSHA 1926.32(f) - *Competent person* means one who is capable of identifying existing and predictable hazards in the surroundings or working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous to employees, and who has authorization to take prompt corrective measures to eliminate them.

OSHA 1910.140(b) - *Competent person* means a person who is capable of identifying existing and predictable hazards in any personal fall protection system or any component of it, as well as in their application and uses with related equipment, and who has authorization to take prompt, corrective action to eliminate the identified hazards.

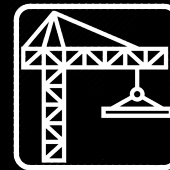
QUALIFIED PERSON

OSHA 1926.32(m) - *Qualified* means one who, by possession of a recognized degree, certificate, or professional standing, or who by extensive knowledge, training, and experience, has successfully demonstrated his ability to solve or resolve problems relating to the subject matter, the work, or the project.

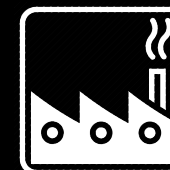
OSHA 1910.21(b) - *Qualified* describes a person who, by possession of a recognized degree, certificate, or professional standing, or who by extensive knowledge, training, and experience has successfully demonstrated the ability to solve or resolve problems relating to the subject matter, the work, or the project.



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