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Cal/OSHA Updates Construction Pocket Safety Guide to Promote Safety and Compliance in the Industry

Oakland—The Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) and Cal/OSHA are pleased to announce the latest release of the free [“Pocket Guide for the Construction Industry.”](#) This publication allows workers, employers and supervisors to quickly reference key safety requirements detailed in clear, concise terms.

“This guide is our most requested Cal/OSHA publication,” said Cal/OSHA Chief Juliann Sum. “It is indexed to help employers and employees easily find the latest safety requirements on many topics related to construction, such as airborne contaminants, blasting, fall protection, heavy equipment, and multi-employer worksites.”

Included in the new edition are regulatory updates in subjects that include (but are not limited to):

- Structure erection and construction – [section 1710](#)
- Forklifts – [section 3650](#)
- Hazard communication - [section 5194](#)
- Heat illness prevention – [section 3395](#)
- Lockout/blockout procedures – [section 3314](#)
- Personal protective equipment – [sections 1514, 3380, 3384](#)

Cal/OSHA helps protect workers from health and safety hazards on the job in almost every workplace in California. [Cal/OSHA’s Consultation Services Branch](#) provides free and voluntary assistance to employers and employee organizations to improve their health and safety programs. Employers should call (800) 963-9424 for assistance from Cal/OSHA Consultation Services.

Employees with work-related questions or complaints may contact DIR’s Call Center in English or Spanish at 844-LABOR-DIR (844-522-6734). The California Workers’ Information line at 866-924-9757 provides recorded information in English and Spanish on a variety of work-related topics. Complaints can also be filed confidentially with [Cal/OSHA district offices](#).

Members of the press may contact Erika Monterroza or Peter Melton at (510) 286-1161, and are encouraged to [subscribe to email alerts](#) for DIR's press releases or other departmental updates.

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