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Date: July 1, 2026

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Re: **Stakeholder Comment Request**
General Industry Safety Orders
Chapter 4 Construction Safety Orders
Comment Period: July 1, 2026 to July 31, 2026

The Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board (OSHSB) is requesting input from stakeholders on draft proposed regulatory language.

This rulemaking activity was prompted by [Petition 570](#) submitted by District Council of Iron Workers/Western Steel Council on August 7, 2018. An [Advisory Committee Meeting](#) was held on October 10, 2019, facilitated by Maryrose Chan. This rulemaking project was split afterwards, where the original proposed new subsection 1710(l)(8) became a new section called Cone and Bar Barricades. This was made into law as section 1635, titled [Cone and Bar Barricades](#) on October 1, 2025. The remaining proposed amendments are section 1710(l)(1), (l)(3), (l)(4), and (l)(6) of [CCR Title 8, Section 1710. Structural Steel Erection](#).

OSHSB is informally seeking comments from the regulated public prior to commencing the formal rulemaking process. Comments received will help guide OSHSB's next steps.

A copy of proposed amendments to title 8 sections is provided:

§1710. Structural Steel Erection

Please send your comments to mjuybari@dir.ca.gov by July 31, 2026, at 5:00 PM.

Thank you for participating in the rulemaking process.

EXPRESS TERMS

**CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS
TITLE 8. INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS
DIVISION 1. DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS
CHAPTER 4. DIVISION OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY
SUBCHAPTER 4. CONSTRUCTION SAFETY ORDERS**

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ARTICLE 29. ERECTION AND CONSTRUCTION

1. Amend Section 1710.

§ 1710. Structural Steel Erection

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(l) Temporary Flooring - Skeleton Steel Construction in Multistory Buildings.

(1) The derrick or erection floor shall be solidly planked or decked except for access openings. Planking ~~or~~ and decking of equivalent strength, shall be of proper thickness to carry the working load. Planking shall be not less than 2 inches thick full size undressed, and shall be laid tight. Both planking and decking shall be secured.

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(3) The exposed edges of all temporary planked and metal decked floors at the periphery of the building, or at interior openings, such as stairways and elevator shafts shall be protected by a single 3/8-inch minimum diameter wire rope of 13,500 pounds minimum breaking strength located between 42 and 45 inches above design finish floor height. Other guardrail protection may be used if equal fall protection is provided.

NOTE: If the periphery fall protection is intended to be used as a catenary line, it shall meet the provisions of ~~§section 1710(m)(4)~~ 1670.

(4) Midrail protection.

(A) Midrail protection shall be installed as soon as the ~~metal decking has been~~ is installed; and prior to the installation of shear connectors. See subsection 1710(o) regarding custody of guardrails; and

(B) Shall be installed prior to the decked area being used by trades other than the steel erector or decking crew.

(5) Installation of Metal Decking.

(A) Except as provided in Section 1710(n), metal decking shall be laid tightly and immediately secured upon placement to prevent accidental movement or displacement.

(B) During initial placement, metal decking panels shall be placed to ensure full support by structural members.

(C) Framed metal deck openings shall have structural members turned down to allow continuous deck installation except where not allowed by structural design constraints or ~~constructibility~~ constructability.

(6) Metal decking holes ~~and or~~ openings shall not be cut until immediately prior to being permanently filled with the intended equipment or structure. ~~needed or intended to fulfill its specific use and which meets the strength~~ Once cut, holes or openings shall meet the requirements of Ssection 1632(b) of these orders, or shall be immediately covered until permanently filled. For work in progress that requires floor openings to remain open, see section 1635(c) for requirements while workers are utilizing holes or openings.

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Note:

Authority cited: Section 142.3, Labor Code.

Reference: Sections 142.3, 7252, 7253, 7254, 7258, 7261, 7262 and 7266, Labor Code.