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Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board  
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Date: January 24, 2023

Recipients: Advisory Committee Invitees

Subject: Walking Working Surfaces  
General Industry Safety Orders, Article 2  
Fall Protection

You are invited to participate in an advisory committee to be convened by the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board (Board) staff. This is the second meeting to review and discuss the proposed changes to the General Industry Safety Orders, Article 2 in order to be at least as effective as the [Federal Walking-Working Surfaces](#) standard, which was published in the Federal Register on November 18, 2016.

Date and Time: February 22, 2023  
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

February 23, 2023  
9:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Topic: [Article 2. Standard Specifications](#)  
Fall Protection

Venue (Hybrid): Safety Center Inc.  
3909 Bradshaw Rd.  
Sacramento, CA 95827

Videoconference via Zoom  
Members who have sent their RSVP as attending virtually will receive a separate e-mail with instructions on how to join the videoconference

Please review the attached agenda, post-AC draft proposal, discussion draft, and related consensus standards, such as the set of ANSI/ASSP Z359 Fall Protection and Fall Restraint Standards and ANSI/ASSE A1264-2017 Safety Requirements for Workplace Walking/Working Surfaces and Their Access; Workplace, Floor, Wall and Roof Openings; Stairs and Guardrail/Handrail Systems. It may be helpful to have the consensus standards readily accessible during the meeting.

The post-AC draft proposal reflects the discussion and changes to the draft proposal as a result of our discussions in bold, underline, and strike out format.

The discussion draft includes:

- Post-AC draft proposal
- Follow-up items from the October meeting in blue text
- Alternative text for section 3210.1(c)(13)
- New material starting at section 3210.1(c)(14)

If you belong to an organization with more than two representatives, please designate only two spokespersons. Please RSVP by February 13, 2023 and indicate whether you would like to participate online or in-person.

If you are unable to attend, please provide the name and contact information of an alternate representative. Written comments submitted by February 13, 2023 will be read at the meeting for consideration by the committee.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and observe the proceedings; however, the Committee Chair may choose to limit discussion to committee members at their discretion.

Your assistance in this rulemaking process is valuable and appreciated by the Board and the Committee Chair. Should you have any questions or comments, please contact Maryrose Chan, Committee Chair, at (916) 274-5723 or by email at [mchan@dir.ca.gov](mailto:mchan@dir.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

Maryrose Chan  
Senior Safety Engineer

Attachments:

Agenda  
Advisory Committee roster  
Post-AC draft proposal  
Discussion draft

cc: All Standards Board Members  
Christina Shupe, Executive Officer, OSHSB  
Steve Smith, Principal Safety Engineer, OSHSB  
Lara Paskins, Staff Services Manager I, OSHSB

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