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Date: February 5, 2024

Recipients: Advisory Committee Invitees

Subject: Walking-Working Surfaces  
General Industry Safety Orders, Article 2  
Fall Protection, Falling Object Protection, and Stairways

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 fourth 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: March 5, 2024  
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

March 6, 2024  
9:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Topics: [Article 2. Standard Specifications](#)  
Fall Protection, Falling Object Protection, and Stairways

In Person Venue: Division of Occupational Safety and Health  
2 Mac Arthur Place, Room 425  
Santa Ana, CA 92707

On-line: 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 previous discussions in bold underline.

The discussion draft includes:

- Highlighted terms are defined in section 3207
- Unsettled text proposed by an advisory committee member is noted in red text
- Follow-up items from the February 2023 meeting are noted in blue text

If you belong to an organization with more than two representatives, please designate only two spokespersons. Please reconfirm your RSVP by February 16, 2024.

If you are unable to attend, please provide the name and contact information of an alternate representative. Written comments submitted by February 16, 2024 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. If you would like attend, please contact Maryrose Chan to ensure that there is enough seating.

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  
Autumn Gonzalez, Acting Executive Officer, OSHSB  
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Steve Smith, Special Consultant  
Eric Berg, Deputy Chief of Health and Research and Standards, Cal/OSHA

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*Walking-Working Surfaces Meeting Invite*  
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