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Date: August 1, 2026

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Re: Stakeholder Comment Request

Construction Safety Orders

Subchapter 4 Article 29 Erection and Construction

Comment Period: August 1, 2026 to August 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 585](#) which was submitted by Marisa "Reese" Fortin, Area HS&E Manager, Sundt Construction on June 2, 2020. The California Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board (OSHSB) initiated this rulemaking because the petition highlighted that the existing construction safety regulations did not clearly differentiate between "internal" and "external" bracing. The proposed amendments are to section 1711 (e) [CCR Title 8, Section 1711. Reinforcing Steel and Post-Tensioning in Concrete Construction](#).

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 due to the long lapse time.

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

§1711. Reinforcing Steel and Post-Tensioning in Concrete Construction

Please send your comments to ssumeshwar@dir.ca.gov by August 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 1711.

§ 1711. Reinforcing Steel and Post-Tensioning in Concrete Construction

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(e) Stability Requirements for Vertical and Horizontal Columns, Walls, and Other Reinforcing Assemblies.

(1) Reinforcing steel for walls, piers, columns, prefabricated reinforcing steel assemblies, and similar vertical structures shall be guyed, braced, or supported to prevent collapse.

(2)(A) Systems for guying, bracing, or supports shall be designed by a qualified person.

(B) Guys, braces, and supports shall be installed and removed as directed by a competent person.

(3) Reinforcing steel shall not be used as an external guy or brace.

(4) Internal bracing is permitted, subject to the following conditions:

(A) Reinforcing steel used for internal bracing must be designed by a California Registered Professional Engineer.

(B) Any temporary internal bracing system must withstand all normally expected forces, including prevailing wind pressure loads and construction loads.

(5) Wire mesh rolls shall be secured to prevent dangerous recoiling action.

(6) The controlling contractor shall prohibit other construction processes below or near the erection of reinforcement assemblies until they are adequately supported and/or secured to prevent structural collapse.

(7) The reinforcing steel contractor shall flag specific areas of the erection level for their work activity. The guying and/or bracing shall be in place before the release of the reinforcing assembly from the hoist rigging.

(8) Reinforcing steel shall not be used as hoisting/lifting inserts/plates unless approved by an California Registered Professional Engineer.

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Note:

Authority cited: Section 1710, Health and Safety Code.

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