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Date: February 5, 2025

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 will be the sixth meeting held 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 published in the Federal Register on November 18, 2016.

Date and Time: March 5, 2025
10:00 AM to 4:30 PM

March 6, 2025
9:00 AM to 3:30 PM

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

In Person Venue: May Lee Office Complex
651 Bannon Street, Room MPC SE 158A/B
Sacramento, CA 95811

Please review the attached agenda, post-AC draft proposal, discussion draft, and related consensus standards, such as the 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. In addition, it is recommended for committee members to have the consensus standards readily accessible during the meeting.

The post-AC draft proposal highlights the changes from the previous advisory committee meetings. These changes are highlighted as follows in the discussion draft:

The discussion draft includes:

- Highlighted terms are defined in section 3207
- Bold underline and strike out are used for consensus text from the last advisory committee meeting

- Red text is unsettled text proposed by an advisory committee member
- Blue text is follow-up items and updated text

Economic & Fiscal Impact

Based on the proposed changes, the Board will solicit economic impact information from Advisory Committee members at this meeting.

Advisory Committee Representatives

If more than two representatives from your organization will attend, please designate only two spokespeople. Please confirm your RSVP by February 14, 2025

If you are unable to attend, please provide the name and contact information of an alternate representative, or you may submit written comments to the Committee Chair. Written comments submitted by February 14, 2025, will be read at the meeting for consideration by the committee.

Public Members Attendance

Public members are welcome to attend and observe the proceedings; however, the Committee Chair may choose to limit discussion only to committee members. If you would like to attend, please contact Maryrose Chan at the email address below.

Your assistance in this rulemaking process is valuable and appreciated. 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.

Sincerely,

Maryrose Chan
Senior Safety Engineer

Attachments:

Agenda
Advisory Committee roster
Post-AC draft proposal
Discussion draft

cc: All Standards Board Members
Millie Barajas, Executive Officer, OSHSB
Autumn Gonzalez, Chief Counsel, OSHSB
Amalia Neidhardt, Principal Safety Engineer, OSHSB
Ruth Ibarra, Regulations Manager
Eric Berg, Deputy Chief of Health and Research and Standards, Cal/OSHA

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