



OSHA Auditing: Federal Compliance Guide: Facilities

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highlights of this release

- **Review of Regulatory Summary Sections:** As part of ongoing quality control efforts, the Regulatory Summary sections of all modules are being reviewed to standardize format and streamline content. For this release, revisions were made to the Regulatory Summary sections of the following modules:
 - Recordkeeping and Posting Requirements
 - Module D Walking and Working Surfaces
 - Module E Exit Routes
 - Module F Powered Platforms
 - Module G Occupational Health and Environmental Control
 - Module H1 Hazardous Materials
 - Module H2 Process Safety
 - Module H3 Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response
 - Module I Personal Protective Equipment
 - Module J1 Confined Spaces
 - Module J2 Lockout and Tagout
 - Module J3 General Environmental Controls
 - Module K Medical and First Aid
 - Module L Fire Protection
 - Module M Compressed Gases
 - Module N Materials Handling
 - Module O Machinery and Machine Guarding
 - Module P Handheld Tools
 - Module Q Welding, Cutting, and Brazing
- **Module I Personal Protective Equipment:** Paragraph 5.4 in Section 5 of the Rulebook was revised to reflect a new letter of interpretation relating to rubber insulating gloves.
- **Module R2 Electric Power Generation, Transmission, and Distribution:** Paragraph 13.2 in Section 13 of the Rulebook was revised to reflect a new letter of interpretation relating to placement of “employees at work” tags.

release notes

please review

- **Module Z3 Bloodborne Pathogens:** Paragraph 1.15 in Section 1 of the Rulebook was revised to reflect a new letter of interpretation relating to administration of post-exposure prophylactic antiretroviral drugs.

did you know?

- **OSHA COVID National Emphasis Program:** The U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has launched a National Emphasis Program (NEP) focusing enforcement efforts on companies that put the largest number of workers at serious risk of contracting the coronavirus. The program also prioritizes employers who retaliate against workers for complaints about unsafe or unhealthy conditions. Details of the NEP are available at <https://www.osha.gov/enforcement/directives/dir-2021-01cpl-03>.
- **NIOSH Work Fatigue Webpage:** The U.S. National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) has launched a new webpage to provide information on factors contributing to workplace fatigue. Other topics include the associated health and safety risks of workplace fatigue and practical and effective solutions to mitigate fatigue risk. The webpage can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/fatigue/>.
- **NIOSH Video on Opioid Overdose Deaths in the Workplace:** NIOSH has published a video to help employers decide whether to have naloxone, an effective drug for reversing opioid overdoses, available in their workplace, and how to implement and maintain a workplace naloxone program if they choose to do so. The video can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WIsHYCA7Nik>.



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