



OSHA Auditing: California Occupational Health & Safety Audit Guide

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new & noteworthy

- **OSHSB Readopts Emergency COVID-19 Rules:** The Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board (OSHSB) has readopted the emergency temporary standards to protect workers from hazards related to COVID-19, with significant changes. The readopted standards replace the original emergency standards effective June 17, 2021. Corresponding modifications to this Guide are noted under “highlights of this release,” below.

highlights of this release

- **Module L—Hazardous Substances: Specific**
 - **Introduction:** The Key Compliance Definitions have been revised to reflect changes in the COVID-19 emergency standards.
 - **Supplements:** L Supplement 9 has been revised to reflect changes to the permanent Wildfire Smoke standard.
 - **Rulebook L-24 – COVID-19:** The Rulebook Summary and all Sections have been revised for changes in the COVID-19 emergency standards.
- **Quality Control Review:** The following rulebooks have been reviewed as part of ongoing quality control efforts, including to ensure that citation tags are compatible with regulatory database search functions, where applicable. Minor edits have also been made to clarify, streamline and update text as warranted.
 - **Rulebook D-1 – Hand and Portable Powered Tools and Equipment**
 - **Rulebook D-5 – Tree Work**
 - **Rulebook E-3 – Industrial Trucks**
 - **Rulebook E-5 – Industrial Railroads**

release notes

please review

- **Rulebook F-2 – Point-of-Operation Guarding**
- **Rulebook F-3 – Refuse and Trash Collection Equipment**
- **Rulebook G-1 – Compressed Gas and Air Equipment**
- **Rulebook G-5 – Pressurized Worksite Operations**
- **Rulebook I-1 – Cranes, Derricks, Hoists, and Slings**
- **Rulebook K-1 – Control of Hazardous Substances and Processes–General Handling Requirements**
- **Rulebook K-2 – Hazard Communication**
- **Rulebook K-3 – Ventilation and Respiratory Protection**
- **Rulebook K-6 – Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response (HAZWOPER)**
- **Rulebook K-8 – PSM for Petroleum Refineries**

did you know?

- **New NIOSH Webpage on Work and Fatigue:** The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) has launched this new webpage to provide information on the 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:** This recently published video can 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=WlSHYCA7Nlk>.



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