



## OSHA Auditing: Federal Compliance Guide: Construction

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### highlights of this release

- **Review of OSHA Compliance Guidance:** As part of ongoing quality control efforts, OSHA Letters of Interpretation and Compliance Directives discussed in this guide are being reviewed to ensure they are current, accurate, and add value for users. Obsolete guidance has been removed, new guidance has been added, and other edits have been made accordingly in the rulebooks for the following modules:
  - Module C General Recordkeeping and Posting
  - Module D1 Occupational Exposures – Part A Facilities
  - Module D1 Occupational Exposures – Part B Exposures
  - Module D1 Occupational Exposures – Part D Spray Booths
  - Module D2 Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response
  - Module E Personal Protective and Life Saving Equipment
  - Module G Signs, Signals, and Barricades
  - Module H Materials Handling
  - Module K Electrical
  - Module L Scaffolds
  - Module M Fall Protection
- **Module E Personal Protective and Life Saving Equipment:** Appendix 1 has been removed from the Appendices as it was not applicable to the construction industry.
- **Module K Electrical:** An obsolete definition for “insulation” has been removed from the Key Compliance Definitions.
- **Module M Fall Protection:** All Appendices have been removed from this module as they were no longer applicable. Also, obsolete directives have been removed from the Pre-audit Preparation list of items to consider getting in advance.

## did you know?

- **OSHA Beryllium Resources:** The U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has posted new guidance materials on its Beryllium webpage at <https://www.osha.gov/beryllium>.
- **OSHA Hazard Communication Standard Proposed Rule:** OSHA has issued a proposed rule to update the Hazard Communication Standard to align with the 7th revision of the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS). The federal register notice is available at <https://www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection/2020-28987/hazard-communication-standard>.
- **OSHA Random Weekend Safety Inspections in Colorado:** OSHA has been conducting random weekend safety inspections to protect construction workers from falls and trench collapses in 10 Colorado counties. The area offices in Denver and Englewood will continue these inspections throughout the fall of 2021.
- **OSHA Fall Prevention Materials Available in Spanish:** A video of a Spanish language webinar associated with OSHA's National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UYGhC96ya1A>. A pdf of the associated slide presentation is available at <https://www.cpwr.com/wp-content/uploads/seminario-web-hispano-latino-presentacion-combinada-4-5-21.pdf>.
- **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 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=WIsHYCA7Nlk>.



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