

State of Connecticut
Regulation of
Department of Labor
Concerning
**Walking-Working Surfaces and Personal Protective Equipment
(Fall Protection Systems)**

Section 1. Sec. 31-372-101-1910 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies is amended by adding the following:

Sec. 31-372-101-1910. Safety and health standards for general industry

<u>Standard Affected</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Fed. Reg. Date</u>	<u>Action</u>
1910.6		11/18/16	Amended
Subpart D	Walking-Working Surfaces	11/18/16	Amended
Subpart F	Authority	11/18/16	Amended
1910.66		11/18/16	Amended
1910.67	Vehicle-mounted elevating and rotating work platforms.	11/18/16	Amended
1910.68	Manlifts.	11/18/16	Amended
Subpart I	Authority	11/18/16	Amended
1910.132	General requirements.	11/18/16	Amended
1910.139	Reserved	11/18/16	Added
1910.140	Personal fall protection systems.	11/18/16	Added
Appendix C	Mandatory Guidelines	11/18/16	Added
Appendix D	Test Methods and Procedures for Personal Fall Protection Systems Non-Mandatory Guidelines	11/18/16	Added
Subpart N	Authority	11/18/16	Amended
1910.178	Powered industrial trucks.	11/18/16	Amended
1910.179	Overhead and gantry cranes.	11/18/16	Amended
Subpart R	Authority	11/18/16	Amended
1910.261	Pulp, paper and paperboard mills.	11/18/16	Amended
1910.262	Textiles.	11/18/16	Amended
1910.265	Sawmills.	11/18/16	Amended
1910.268	Telecommunications.	11/18/16	Amended
1910.269	Electric power generation, transmission, and distribution.	11/18/16	Amended

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Statement of Purpose

Pursuant to CGS Section 4-170(b)(3), "Each proposed regulation shall have a statement of its purpose following the final section of the regulation." Enter the statement here.

Statement of Purpose: The adoption by reference of these revisions to the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Standards will serve to update Connecticut Occupational Safety and Health Standards in accordance with Section 31-372 of the Connecticut General Statutes. On November 18, 2016, the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) published notification of updating of general industry standards on walking-working surfaces, which became effective in private sector general industry on January 17, 2017.

Conn. Gen. Stat. 31-372 requires, as an element of Connecticut's approved Public Sector-Only State Plan, that the Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Division (CONN-OSHA) adopt all occupational health and safety standards, amendments or changes adopted or recognized by the United States Secretary of Labor under the authority of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970.

This final rule increases consistency between the general industry and construction standards, which will make compliance easier for employers who conduct operations in both industry sectors.