

SLIPS, TRIPS AND FALLS

Supplement to Standard Training Module

TRAINING REQUIREMENTS OVERVIEW

This standard Vivid training module provides a general overview of slip, trip and fall hazards commonly found in work environments. This module focuses on using safe work practices and behaviors to avoid these hazards and eliminate the causes of slips, trips and falls at the source. This program also provides a brief overview of the use of ladders, scaffolds and fall protection. Although no specific training regimen is required by OSHA standards on this topic, this training program addresses elements found in OSHA General Industry Standards under 29 CFR 1910 Subpart D – Walking and Working Surfaces.

In addition to this general overview, employees *should* receive facility and work area specific training related to the design and arrangement of their work environment and processes that could generate slip, trip and fall conditions. This additional training *should* cover, at a minimum:

- **Specific housekeeping and clean-up procedures if any**
- **The use of specialized footwear if required**
- **Reporting the existence of slip, trip and fall hazards to management.**
- **How to cordon-off slip, trip and fall hazards until they can be eliminated.**
- **Where to obtain and how to use specialized equipment including personal fall protection equipment if required**

The General Duty Clause requires an employer to “provide employment and a place of employment which are free from recognized hazards”. Employee training, appropriate to recognized workplace hazards, is anticipated to be a part of a facility’s overall safety and health program.

Frequency: Training ***should*** be provided for all employees.

- As soon as reasonably possible after initial job assignment.
- At periodic intervals if company accident records indicate slip and fall related trends.
- If there are changes in the work environment or process that pose new or unusual slip, trip or fall hazards.

GENERAL OVERVIEW OF - 29 CFR 1910 SUBPART D

WALKING AND WORKING SURFACES:

1. **SCOPE:** This subpart of the General Industry standard addresses general and specific safe work requirements related to floor surfaces, floor and wall openings, stairways, fixed and portable ladders, scaffolding, and other working surfaces.
2. **DEFINITIONS 1910.21** – This section provides a working description of the terminology used in this subpart.
3. **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS 1910.22** – This section applies to all permanent places of employment except for domestic, mining or agricultural work only is performed. This section addresses general provisions related to Housekeeping, Aisles and Passages, Covers and Guardrails and Floor Loading Protection.
4. **GUARDING FLOOR AND WALL OPENINGS 1910.23** – This section provides a broad range of specific requirements related to protecting floor and wall openings through which employees or objects could fall. It addresses covering and guarding these openings and provides requirements for handrails and toe-boards.
5. **Fixed Industrial Stairs 1910.24** – This section contains specifications for the safe design and construction of fixed general industrial stairs; including interior and exterior stairs used between floors, and or leading to machinery, platforms, tanks, pits, etc.
6. **Portable Wood Ladders – 1910.25** – This section is intended to prescribe rules and establish minimum requirements for the construction, care and use of common types of portable wooden ladders, in order to ensure safety under normal conditions of use.
7. **Portable Metal Ladders 1910.26** – This section provides general requirements related to the design, care and use of portable metal ladders.
8. **Fixed Ladders 1910.27** – This section provides design specifications on strength, pitch, clearances, landings, and fall protection for fixed ladders.

9. Safety Requirements For Scaffolding 1910.28 – This detailed section addresses general and specific requirements for, the construction, erection, loading, access to, and fall protection associated with a wide variety of scaffolding systems.
10. Manually Propelled Mobile Ladders Stands and Scaffolds 1910.29 – This section prescribes rules and requirements for the design, construction and use of mobile work platforms and towers.
- 11.. Other Working Surfaces 1910.30 – This section addresses the design and safe use of other miscellaneous work surfaces including Dockboards, Bridge plates, wooden platforms in front of equipment and machinery etc.

In addition to this section, additional related information can be found in the Vivid training modules entitled FALL PROTECTION, SCAFFOLD SAFETY and LADDER SAFETY; and the reference materials associated with those courses.

REFERENCE MATERIALS

Website

OSHA website:

<http://www.osha.gov>

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General Industry Standards

- [1910 Subpart D - Walking-Working Surfaces](#)

Related Topics:

Publications

Fall Protection in Construction

Publication # 3146

Can be downloaded at: <http://www.osha.gov/Publications/osha3146.pdf>