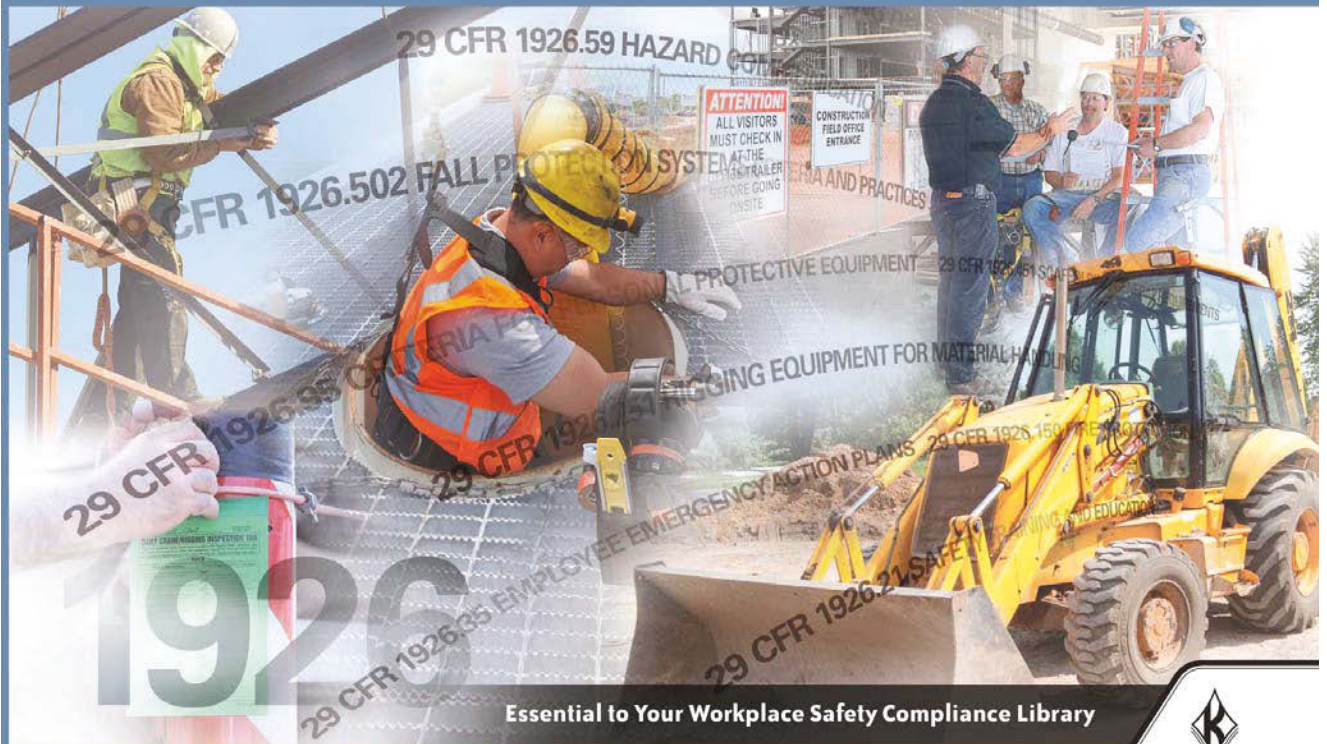


OSHA RULES FOR Construction Activities

1926 AND OTHER ESSENTIAL REGULATIONS



Essential to Your Workplace Safety Compliance Library


J. J. Keller
& Associates, Inc.
Since 1953


J. J. Keller
& Associates, Inc.
Since 1953

This publication updates in
April/October

(47320)



OSHA Rules for Construction Activities

Copyright 2018

J. J. Keller & Associates, Inc.

3003 Breezewood Lane
P.O. Box 368
Neenah, Wisconsin 54957-0368
Phone: (800) 327-6868
Fax: (800) 727-7516
JJKeller.com

Library of Congress Catalog Card Number: 2015951605

ISBN: 978-1-68008-089-6

Canadian Goods and Services Tax (GST) Number: R123-317687

All rights reserved. Neither the publication nor any part thereof may be reproduced in any manner without written permission of the Publisher. United States laws and Federal regulations published as promulgated are in public domain. However, their compilation and arrangement along with other materials in this publication are subject to the copyright notice.

Printed in the U.S.A.

OSHA Rules for Construction Activities

Introduction

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is responsible to assure, as far as possible, a safe and healthful job environment for every working American. You, as an employer, have a general duty to provide work and a workplace free from recognized hazards.

This publication contains the word-for-word OSHA regulations that apply to employers performing “construction work or activities”. OSHA defines construction work as, “work for construction, alteration, and/or repair, including painting and decorating.” This means that not only companies that perform construction work as their primary business must comply with the applicable 29 CFR 1926 rules, but also other companies (such as manufacturing firms) that perform construction activities at their facilities must also comply with the 1926 rules.

Examples of OSHA standards included in this Guide include those requirements for employers to:

- Protect employees from electrical hazards,
- Protect employees performing evacuation work,
- Provide fall protection,
- Ensure the safety of workers who enter confined spaces,
- Provide respirators or other safety equipment,
- Prevent exposure to harmful chemicals, and
- Provide training for certain dangerous jobs.

The publication also contains the full text of the OSH Act, which serves as the basis for OSHA regulations and contains the General Duty Clause, which employers are also required to comply with. This clause requires employers to keep their workplaces free of serious recognized hazards and is generally cited when no specific OSHA standard applies to the hazard.

Revision bars, like the one at the left of this paragraph, are used in this publication to show where significant changes were made on update pages. The revision bar next to text on a page indicates that the text was revised. The date at the bottom of the page tells you when the revised page was issued.

Due to the constantly changing nature of government regulations, it is impossible to guarantee absolute accuracy of the material contained herein. The Publisher and Editors, therefore, cannot assume any responsibility for omissions, errors, misprinting, or ambiguity contained within this publication and shall not be held liable in any degree for any loss or injury caused by such omission, error, misprinting or ambiguity presented in this publication.

This publication is designed to provide reasonably accurate and authoritative information in regard to the subject matter covered. It is sold with the understanding that the Publisher is not engaged in rendering legal, accounting, or other professional service. If legal advice or other expert assistance is required, the services of a competent professional person should be sought.

The Editors & Publisher
J. J. Keller & Associates, Inc.

OSHA Rules for Construction Activities

Published & Printed by

J. J. Keller & Associates, Inc.

3003 Breezewood Lane

P.O. Box 368

Neenah, Wisconsin 54957-0368

Phone: (800) 327-6868

Fax: (800) 727-7516

JJKeller.com

EDITORIAL

vice president of editorial & consulting services	STEVEN G. MURRAY
director of editorial resources	PAUL V. ARNOLD
project editor	MARK H. STROMME
editorial manager – workplace safety	EDWIN J. ZALEWSKI
sr. editor – workplace safety	J. TRAVIS RHODEN
editor – workplace safety	RAY CHISHTI
editor – workplace safety	MICHELLE GRAVEEN
editor – workplace safety	TRICIA S. HODKIEWICZ
editor – workplace safety	LISA M. NEUBERGER
editor – workplace safety	JUDIE SMITHERS
sr. metator/xml analyst	MARY K. FLANAGAN

PUBLISHING GROUP

chairman	ROBERT L. KELLER
vice chairman & treasurer	JAMES J. KELLER
president & ceo	MARNE L. KELLER-KRIKAVA
evp & chief operating officer	RUSTIN R. KELLER
chief financial officer	DANA S. GILMAN
sr. director of product development	CAROL A. O'HERN
sr. product development manager	JENNIFER M. JUNG
sr. product development specialist	SUZANNE IHRIG
product development specialist	JOSLYN B. SIEWERT
director of manufacturing	TODD J. LUEKE
sr. electronic publishing & prepress manager	GERALD L. SABATKE

The Editorial Staff is available to provide information generally associated with this publication to a normal and reasonable extent, and at the option of, and as a courtesy of, the Publisher.

OSHA Rules for Construction Activities

Table of Contents

Part 1926

Subpart A—General

- §1926.1 Purpose and scope.
- §1926.2 Variances from safety and health standards.
- §1926.3 Inspections—Right of entry.
- §1926.4 Rules of practice for administrative adjudications for enforcement of safety and health standards.
- §1926.5 OMB control numbers under the Paperwork Reduction Act.
- §1926.6 Incorporation by reference.

Subpart B—General Interpretations

- §1926.10 Scope of subpart.
- §1926.11 Coverage under section 103 of the act distinguished.
- §1926.12 Reorganization Plan No. 14 of 1950.
- §1926.13 Interpretation of statutory terms.
- §1926.14 Federal contract for “mixed” types of performance.
- §1926.15 Relationship to the Service Contract Act; Walsh-Healey Public Contracts Act.
- §1926.16 Rules of construction.

Subpart C—General Safety and Health Provisions

- §1926.20 General safety and health provisions.
- §1926.21 Safety training and education.
- §1926.22 Recording and reporting of injuries. [Reserved]
- §1926.23 First aid and medical attention.
- §1926.24 Fire protection and prevention.
- §1926.25 Housekeeping.
- §1926.26 Illumination.
- §1926.27 Sanitation.
- §1926.28 Personal protective equipment.
- §1926.29 Acceptable certifications.
- §1926.30 Shipbuilding and ship repairing.
- §1926.31 [Reserved]
- §1926.32 Definitions.
- §1926.33 Access to employee exposure and medical records.
- §1910.1020 Access to employee exposure and medical records.

OSHA Rules for Construction Activities

Appendix A to §1910.1020—Sample authorization letter for the release of employee medical record information to a designated representative (non-mandatory)

Appendix B to §1910.1020—Availability of NIOSH registry of toxic effects of chemical substances (RTECS) (non-mandatory)

§1926.34 Means of egress.

§1926.35 Employee emergency action plans.

Subpart D—Occupational Health and Environmental Controls

§1926.50 Medical services and first aid.

Appendix A to §1926.50—First Aid Kits (Non-mandatory)

§1926.51 Sanitation.

§1926.52 Occupational noise exposure.

§1926.53 Ionizing radiation.

§1910.1096 Ionizing radiation.

§1926.54 Nonionizing radiation.

§1926.55 Gases, vapors, fumes, dusts, and mists.

Appendix A to §1926.55—1970 American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists' Threshold Limit Values of Airborne Contaminants

§1926.56 Illumination.

§1926.57 Ventilation.

§1926.58 [Reserved]

§1926.59 Hazard communication.

§1910.1200 Hazard communication.

Appendix A to §1910.1200—Health Hazard Criteria (Mandatory)

Appendix B to §1910.1200—Physical criteria (Mandatory)

Appendix C to §1910.1200—Allocation of label elements (Mandatory)

Appendix D to §1910.1200—Safety Data Sheets (Mandatory)

Appendix E to §1910.1200—Definition of “trade secret” (Mandatory)

Appendix F to §1910.1200—Guidance for Hazard Classifications Re: Carcinogenicity (Non-mandatory)

§1926.60 Methylenedianiline.

Appendix A to §1926.60—Substance Data Sheet, For 4–4'-Methylenedianiline

Appendix B to §1926.60—Substance technical guidelines, MDA

Appendix C to §1926.60—Medical surveillance guidelines for MDA

Appendix D to §1926.60—Sampling and analytical methods for MDA monitoring and measurement procedures

§1926.61 Retention of DOT markings, placards and labels.

§1910.1201 Retention of DOT markings, placards and labels.

OSHA Rules for Construction Activities

§1926.62 Lead.

Appendix A to §1926.62—Substance data sheet for occupational exposure to lead

Appendix B to 1926.62—Employee standard summary

Appendix C to §1926.62—Medical surveillance guidelines

§1926.64 Process safety management of highly hazardous chemicals.

Appendix A to §1926.64—List of highly hazardous chemicals, toxics and reactives (Mandatory)

Appendix B to §1926.64—Block flow diagram and simplified process flow diagram (Nonmandatory)

Appendix C to §1926.64—Compliance guidelines and recommendations for process safety management (Nonmandatory)

Appendix D to §1926.64—Sources of further information (Nonmandatory)

§1926.65 Hazardous waste operations and emergency response.

§1926.66 Criteria for design and construction of spray booths.

Subpart E—Personal Protective and Life Saving Equipment

§1926.95 Criteria for personal protective equipment.

§1926.96 Occupational foot protection.

§1926.97 Electrical protective equipment.

§1926.98 [Reserved]

§1926.100 Head protection.

§1926.101 Hearing protection.

§1926.102 Eye and face protection.

§1926.103 Respiratory protection.

§1910.134 Respiratory protection.

Appendix A to §1910.134—Fit testing procedures (Mandatory)

Appendix B-1 to §1910.134: User seal check procedures (Mandatory)

Appendix B-2 to §1910.134—Respirator cleaning procedures (Mandatory)

Appendix C to §1910.134: OSHA respirator medical evaluation questionnaire (Mandatory)

Appendix D to §1910.134 (Mandatory) Information for employees using respirators when not required under the standard

§1926.104 Safety belts, lifelines, and lanyards.

§1926.105 Safety nets.

§1926.106 Working over or near water.

§1926.107 Definitions applicable to this subpart.

OSHA Rules for Construction Activities

Subpart F—Fire Protection and Prevention

- §1926.150 Fire protection.
- §1926.151 Fire prevention
- §1926.152 Flammable liquids.
- §1926.153 Liquefied petroleum gas (LP-Gas).
- §1926.154 Temporary heating devices.
- §1926.155 Definitions applicable to this subpart.

Subpart G—Signs, Signals, and Barricades

- §1926.200 Accident prevention signs and tags.
- §1926.201 Signaling.
- §1926.202 Barricades.
- §1926.203 Definitions applicable to this subpart.

Subpart H—Materials Handling, Storage, Use, and Disposal

- §1926.250 General requirements for storage.
- §1926.251 Rigging equipment for material handling.
- §1926.252 Disposal of waste materials.

Subpart I—Tools—Hand and Power

- §1926.300 General requirements.
- §1926.301 Hand tools.
- §1926.302 Power-operated hand tools.
- §1926.303 Abrasive wheels and tools.
- §1926.304 Woodworking tools.
- §1926.305 Jacks—lever and ratchet, screw, and hydraulic.
- §1926.306 Air receivers.
- §1926.307 Mechanical power-transmission apparatus.

Subpart J—Welding and Cutting

- §1926.350 Gas welding and cutting.
- §1926.351 Arc welding and cutting.
- §1926.352 Fire prevention.
- §1926.353 Ventilation and protection in welding, cutting, and heating.
- §1926.354 Welding, cutting, and heating in way of preservative coatings.

Subpart K—Electrical

General

- §1926.400 Introduction.
- §1926.401 [Reserved]

OSHA Rules for Construction Activities

Installation Safety Requirements

§1926.402 Applicability.

§1926.403 General requirements.

§1926.404 Wiring design and protection.

§1926.405 Wiring methods, components, and equipment for general use.

§1926.406 Specific purpose equipment and installations.

§1926.407 Hazardous (classified) locations.

§1926.408 Special systems.

§1926.409–1926.415 [Reserved]

Safety-related work practices

§1926.416 General requirements.

§1926.417 Lockout and tagging of circuits.

§1926.418–1926.430 [Reserved]

Safety-related maintenance and environmental considerations

§1926.431 Maintenance of equipment.

§1926.432 Environmental deterioration of equipment.

§1926.433–1926.440 [Reserved]

Safety requirements for special equipment

§1926.441 Batteries and battery charging.

§1926.442–1926.448 [Reserved]

Definitions

§1926.449 Definitions applicable to this subpart.

Subpart L—Scaffolding

§1926.450 Scope, application and definitions applicable to this subpart.

§1926.451 General requirements.

§1926.452 Additional requirements applicable to specific types of scaffolds.

§1926.453 Aerial lifts.

§1926.454 Training requirements.

Subpart M—Fall Protection

§1926.500 Scope, application, and definitions applicable to this subpart.

§1926.501 Duty to have fall protection.

§1926.502 Fall protection systems criteria and practices.

§1926.503 Training requirements.

Appendix A to Subpart M of Part 1926—Determining roof widths

Appendix B to Subpart M of Part 1926—Guardrail systems

OSHA Rules for Construction Activities

Appendix C to Subpart M of Part 1926—Personal fall arrest systems

Appendix D to Subpart M of Part 1926—Positioning device systems

Appendix E to Subpart M of Part 1926—Sample fall protection plan

Subpart N—Helicopters, Hoists, Elevators, and Conveyors

§1926.550 [Reserved]

§1926.551 Helicopters.

§1926.552 Material hoists, personnel hoists, and elevators.

§1926.553 Base-mounted drum hoists.

§1926.554 Overhead hoists.

§1926.555 Conveyors.

Subpart O—Motor Vehicles, Mechanized Equipment, and Marine Operations

§1926.600 Equipment.

§1926.601 Motor vehicles.

§1926.602 Material handling equipment.

§1910.178(l) Powered industrial trucks.

Appendix A to §1910.178—Stability of powered industrial trucks (Non-mandatory appendix to paragraph (l) of this section)

§1926.603 Pile driving equipment.

§1926.604 Site clearing.

§1926.605 Marine operations and equipment.

§1926.606 Definitions applicable to this subpart.

Subpart P—Excavations

§1926.650 Scope, application, and definitions applicable to this subpart.

§1926.651 Specific excavation requirements.

§1926.652 Requirements for protective systems.

Appendix A to Subpart P of Part 1926—Soil classification

Appendix B to Subpart P of Part 1926—Sloping and benching

Appendix C to Subpart P of Part 1926—Timber shoring for trenches

Appendix D to Subpart P of Part 1926—Aluminum hydraulic shoring for trenches

Appendix E to Subpart P of Part 1926—Alternatives to timber shoring

Appendix F to Subpart P of Part 1926—Selection of protective systems

Subpart Q—Concrete and Masonry Construction

§1926.700 Scope, application, and definitions applicable to this subpart.

§1926.701 General requirements.

§1926.702 Requirements for equipment and tools.

OSHA Rules for Construction Activities

§1926.703 Requirements for cast-in-place concrete.

Appendix to §1926.703(a)(1)—General requirements for formwork

§1926.704 Requirements for precast concrete.

§1926.705 Requirements for lift-slab construction operations.

Appendix to §1926.705—Lift slab operations

§1926.706 Requirements for masonry construction.

Appendix A to Subpart Q of Part 1926—References to Subpart Q of Part 1926

Subpart R—Steel Erection

§1926.750 Scope.

§1926.751 Definitions.

§1926.752 Site layout, site-specific erection plan and construction sequence.

§1926.753 Hoisting and rigging.

§1926.754 Structural steel assembly.

§1926.755 Column anchorage.

§1926.756 Beams and columns.

§1926.757 Open web steel joists.

§1926.758 Systems-engineered metal buildings.

§1926.759 Falling object protection.

§1926.760 Fall protection.

§1926.761 Training.

Appendix A to Subpart R of Part 1926—Guidelines for establishing the components of a site-specific erection plan: Non-mandatory guidelines for complying with §1926.752(e).

Appendix B to Subpart R of Part 1926—Reserved.

Appendix C to Subpart R of Part 1926—Illustrations of Bridging terminus points: Non-mandatory guidelines for complying with §§1926.757(a)(10) and 1926.757(c)(5)

Appendix D to Subpart R of Part 1926—Illustration of the use of control lines to demarcate controlled decking zones (CDZS): Non-mandatory guidelines for complying with §1926.760(c)(3)

Appendix E to Subpart R of Part 1926—Training: Non-mandatory guidelines for complying with §1926.761

Appendix F to Subpart R of Part 1926—Perimeter columns: non-mandatory guidelines for complying with §1926.756(e) to protect the unprotected side or edge of a walking/working surface

Appendix G to Subpart R of Part 1926—§1926.502 (b)-(e) Fall protection systems criteria and practices

Appendix H to Subpart R— Double connections: Illustration of a clipped end connection and a staggered connection: Non-mandatory guidelines for complying with §1926.756(c)(1).

OSHA Rules for Construction Activities

Subpart S—Underground Construction, Caisson, Cofferdams and Compressed Air

- §1926.800 Underground construction.
- §1926.801 Caissons.
- §1926.802 Cofferdams.
- §1926.803 Compressed air.
- §1926.804 Definitions applicable to this subpart.
- Appendix A to Subpart S of Part 1926— Decompression tables

Subpart T—Demolition

- §1926.850 Preparatory operations.
- §1926.851 Stairs, passageways, and ladders.
- §1926.852 Chutes.
- §1926.853 Removal of materials through floor openings.
- §1926.854 Removal of walls, masonry sections, and chimneys.
- §1926.855 Manual removal of floors.
- §1926.856 Removal of walls, floors, and material with equipment.
- §1926.857 Storage.
- §1926.858 Removal of steel construction.
- §1926.859 Mechanical demolition.
- §1926.860 Selective demolition by explosives.

Subpart U—Blasting and Use of Explosives

- §1926.900 General provisions.
- §1926.901 Blaster qualifications.
- §1926.902 Surface transportation of explosives.
- §1926.903 Underground transportation of explosives.
- §1926.904 Storage of explosives and blasting agents.
- §1926.905 Loading of explosives or blasting agents.
- §1926.906 Initiation of explosive charges—electric blasting.
- §1926.907 Use of safety fuse.
- §1926.908 Use of detonating cord.
- §1926.909 Firing the blast.
- §1926.910 Inspection after blasting.
- §1926.911 Misfires.
- §1926.912 Underwater blasting.
- §1926.913 Blasting in excavation work under compressed air.
- §1926.914 Definitions applicable to this subpart.

OSHA Rules for Construction Activities

Subpart V—Electric Power Transmission and Distribution

§1926.950 General.

§1926.951 Medical services and first aid.

§1926.952 Job briefing.

§1926.953 Enclosed spaces.

§1926.954 Personal protective equipment.

§1926.955 Portable ladders and platforms.

§1926.956 Hand and portable power equipment.

§1926.957 Live-line tools.

§1926.958 Materials handling and storage.

§1926.959 Mechanical equipment.

§1926.960 Working on or near exposed energized parts.

§1926.961 Deenergizing lines and equipment for employee protection.

§1926.962 Grounding for the protection of employees.

§1926.963 Testing and test facilities.

§1926.964 Overhead lines and live-line barehand work.

§1926.965 Underground electrical installations.

§1926.966 Substations.

§1926.967 Special conditions.

§1926.968 Definitions.

Appendix A to Subpart V of Part 1926—[Reserved]

Appendix B to Subpart V of Part 1926—Working on Exposed Energized Parts

Appendix C to Subpart V of Part 1926—Protection From Hazardous Differences in Electric Potential

Appendix D to Subpart V of Part 1926—Methods of Inspecting and Testing Wood Poles

Appendix E to Subpart V of Part 1926—Protection From Flames and Electric Arcs

Appendix F to Subpart V of Part 1926—Work-Positioning Equipment Inspection Guidelines

Appendix G to Subpart V of Part 1926—Reference Documents

Subpart W—Rollover Protective Structures; Overhead Protection

§1926.1000 Rollover protective structures (ROPS) for material handling equipment.

§1926.1001 Minimum performance criteria for rollover protective structures for designated scrapers, loaders, dozers, graders, and crawler tractors.

§1926.1002 Protective frames (roll-over protective structures, known as ROPS) for wheel-type agricultural and industrial tractors used in construction.

§1926.1003 Overhead protection for operators of agricultural and industrial tractors.

Appendix A to Subpart W—Figures W-14 through W-28

OSHA Rules for Construction Activities

Subpart X—Stairways and Ladders

§1926.1050 Scope, application, and definitions applicable to this subpart.

§1926.1051 General requirements.

§1926.1052 Stairways.

§1926.1053 Ladders.

§§1926.1054–1926.1059 [Reserved]

§1926.1060 Training requirements.

Appendix A to Subpart X—Ladders

Subpart Y—Diving

General

§1926.1071 Scope and application.

§1910.401 Scope and application.

§1926.1072 Definitions.

§1910.402 Definitions.

Personnel requirements

§1926.1076 Qualifications of dive team.

§1910.410 Qualifications of dive team.

General operations procedures

§1926.1080 Safe practices manual.

§1910.420 Safe practices manual.

§1926.1081 Pre-dive procedures.

§1910.421 Pre-dive procedures.

§1926.1082 Procedures during dive.

§1910.422 Procedures during dive.

§1926.1083 Post-dive procedures.

§1910.423 Post-dive procedures.

Specific operations procedures

§1926.1084 SCUBA diving.

§1910.424 Scuba diving.

§1926.1085 Surface-supplied air diving.

§1910.425 Surface-supplied air diving.

§1926.1086 Mixed-gas diving.

§1910.426 Mixed-gas diving.

§1926.1087 Liveboating.

§1910.427 Liveboating.

OSHA Rules for Construction Activities

Equipment procedures and requirements

§1926.1090 Equipment.

§1910.430 Equipment.

Recordkeeping

§1926.1091 Recordkeeping requirements.

§1910.440 Recordkeeping requirements.

Appendix A to Subpart Y of Part 1926—Examples of conditions which may restrict or limit exposure to hyperbaric conditions

Appendix B to Subpart Y of Part 1926—Guidelines for scientific diving

Subpart Z—Toxic and Hazardous Substances

§1926.1100 [Reserved]

§1926.1101 Asbestos.

Appendix A to §1926.1101—OSHA reference method—Mandatory

Appendix B to §1926.1101—Sampling and analysis (Non-mandatory)

Appendix C to §1926.1101 [Reserved]

Appendix D to §1926.1101—Medical questionnaires; Mandatory

Appendix E to §1926.1101—Interpretation and classification of chest roentgenograms—mandatory

Appendix F to §1926.1101—Work practices and engineering controls for Class I asbestos operations (Non-mandatory)

Appendix G to §1926.1101 [Reserved]

Appendix H to §1926.1101—Substance technical information for asbestos. Non-mandatory

Appendix I to §1926.1101—Medical surveillance guidelines for asbestos, Non-mandatory

Appendix J to §1926.1101—Smoking cessation program information for asbestos—non-mandatory

Appendix K to §1926.1101—Polarized light microscopy of asbestos (Non-mandatory)

§1926.1102 Coal tar pitch volatiles; interpretation of term.

§1910.1002 Coal tar pitch volatiles; interpretation of term.

§1926.1127 Cadmium.

Appendix A to §1926.1127—Substance safety data sheet

Appendix B to §1926.1127—Substance technical guidelines for cadmium

Appendix C to §1926.1127—Reserved

Appendix D to §1926.1127—Occupational health history interview with reference to cadmium exposure

Appendix E to §1926.1127—Cadmium in workplace atmospheres

Appendix F to §1926.1127—Nonmandatory protocol for biological monitoring

OSHA Rules for Construction Activities

§1926.1152 Methylene chloride.

§1910.1052 Methylene chloride.

Appendix A to Section 1910.1052—Substance safety data sheet and technical guidelines for methylene chloride

Appendix B to Section 1910.1052—Medical surveillance for methylene chloride

Appendix C to Section 1910.1052—Questions and answers—methylene chloride control in furniture stripping

§1926.1153 Respirable crystalline silica.

Appendix A to §1926.1153—Methods of Sample Analysis

Appendix B to §1926.1153—Medical Surveillance Guidelines

Subpart AA—Confined Spaces in Construction

§1926.1200 [Reserved]

§1926.1201 Scope.

OSHA Rules for Construction Activities

§1926.1202 Definitions.

§1926.1203 General requirements.

§1926.1204 Permit-required confined space program.

§1926.1205 Permitting process.

§1926.1206 Entry permit.

§1926.1207 Training.

§1926.1208 Duties of authorized entrants.

§1926.1209 Duties of attendants.

§1926.1210 Duties of entry supervisors.

§1926.1211 Rescue and emergency services.

§1926.1212 Employee participation.

§1926.1213 Provision of documents to Secretary.

Subpart BB—[Reserved]

Subpart CC—Cranes and Derricks in Construction

§1926.1400 Scope.

§1926.1401 Definitions.

§1926.1402 Ground conditions.

§1926.1403 Assembly/Disassembly— selection of manufacturer or employer procedures.

§1926.1404 Assembly/Disassembly— general requirements (applies to all assembly and disassembly operations).

§1926.1405 Disassembly—additional requirements for dismantling of booms and jibs (applies to both the use of manufacturer procedures and employer procedures).

§1926.1406 Assembly/Disassembly—employer procedures—general requirements.

§1926.1407 Power line safety (up to 350 kV)—assembly and disassembly.

§1926.1408 Power line safety (up to 350 kV)—equipment operations.

§1926.1409 Power line safety (over 350 kV).

§1926.1410 Power line safety (all voltages)—equipment operations closer than the Table A zone.

§1926.1411 Power line safety—while traveling under or near power lines with no load.

§1926.1412 Inspections.

§1926.1413 Wire rope—inspection.

§1926.1414 Wire rope—selection and installation criteria.

§1926.1415 Safety devices.

§1926.1416 Operational aids.

§1926.1417 Operation.

§1926.1418 Authority to stop operation.

OSHA Rules for Construction Activities

- §1926.1419 Signals—general requirements.
- §1926.1420 Signals—radio, telephone or other electronic transmission of signals.
- §1926.1421 Signals—voice signals— additional requirements.
- §1926.1422 Signals—hand signal chart.
- §1926.1423 Fall protection.
- §1926.1424 Work area control.
- §1926.1425 Keeping clear of the load.
- §1926.1426 Free fall and controlled load lowering.
- §1926.1427 Operator qualification and certification.
- §1926.1428 Signal person qualifications.
- §1926.1429 Qualifications of maintenance & repair employees.
- §1926.1430 Training.
- §1926.1431 Hoisting personnel.
- §1926.1432 Multiple-crane/derrick lifts—supplemental requirements.
- §1926.1433 Design, construction and testing.
- §1926.1434 Equipment modifications.
- §1926.1435 Tower cranes.
- §1926.1436 Derricks.
- §1926.1437 Floating cranes/derricks and land cranes/derricks on barges.
- §1926.1438 Overhead & gantry cranes.
- §1926.1439 Dedicated pile drivers.
- §1926.1440 Sideboom cranes.
- §1926.1441 Equipment with a rated hoisting/lifting capacity of 2,000 pounds or less.
- §1926.1442 Severability.

Appendix A to Subpart CC—Standard Hand Signals

Appendix B to Subpart CC—Assembly/Disassembly: Sample Procedures for Minimizing the Risk of Unintended Dangerous Boom Movement

Appendix C to Subpart CC—Operator Certification: Written Examination: Technical Knowledge Criteria

Appendix A to Part 1926—Designations for general industry standards incorporated into body of construction standards

OSHA Rules for Construction Activities

Reference

OSH Act of 1970

About the Act

Letters of Interpretation

Introduction

Glossaries

Glossary of Safety and Health Terms

Glossary of Safety and Health Acronyms

Violations

| OSHA's Most Frequently Cited Serious Violations 2016

Regulatory Agenda

Agency Contacts

States With OSHA-Approved Programs

OSHA Consultation Services

OSHA Regional Offices

OSHA District Offices

OSHA Local Area Offices

OSHA Regional Hazard Communication Coordinators

Hazard Communication: State Agencies

Association Addresses

Other Relevant Addresses

Subpart K

Electrical

Subpart K—Electrical

GENERAL

§1926.400 Introduction.

This subpart addresses electrical safety requirements that are necessary for the practical safeguarding of employees involved in construction work and is divided into four major divisions and applicable definitions as follows:

(a) **Installation safety requirements.** Installation safety requirements are contained in §§1926.402 through 1926.408. Included in this category are electric equipment and installations used to provide electric power and light on jobsites.

(b) **Safety-related work practices.** Safety-related work practices are contained in §§1926.416 and 1926.417. In addition to covering the hazards arising from the use of electricity at jobsites, these regulations also cover the hazards arising from the accidental contact, direct or indirect, by employees with all energized lines, above or below ground, passing through or near the jobsite.

(c) **Safety-related maintenance and environmental considerations.** Safety-related maintenance and environmental considerations are contained in §§1926.431 and 1926.432.

(d) **Safety requirements for special equipment.** Safety requirements for special equipment are contained in §1926.441.

(e) **Definitions.** Definitions applicable to this Subpart are contained in §1926.449.

§1926.401 [Reserved]

INSTALLATION SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

§1926.402 Applicability.

(a) **Covered.** Sections 1926.402 through 1926.408 contain installation safety requirements for electrical equipment and installations used to provide electric power and light at the jobsite. These sections apply to installations, both temporary and permanent, used on the jobsite; but these sections do not apply to existing permanent installations that were in place before the construction activity commenced.

NOTE: If the electrical installation is made in accordance with the National Electrical Code ANSI/NFPA 70-1984, exclusive of Formal Interpretations and Tentative Interim Amendments, it will be deemed to be in compliance with §1926.403 through 1926.408, except for §1926.404(b)(1) and 1926.405(a)(2)(ii) (E), (F), (G), and (J).

(b) **Not covered.** Sections 1926.402 through 1926.408 do not cover installations used for the generation, transmission, and distribution of electric energy, including related communication, metering, control, and transformation installations. (However, these regulations do cover portable and vehicle-mounted generators used to provide power for equipment used at the jobsite.) See Subpart V of this Part for the construction of power distribution and transmission lines.

§1926.403 General requirements.

(a) **Approval.** All electrical conductors and equipment shall be approved.

(b) **Examination, installation, and use of equipment—(1) Examination.** The employer shall ensure that electrical equipment is free from recognized hazards that are likely to cause death or serious physical harm to employees. Safety of equipment shall be determined on the basis of the following considerations:

(i) Suitability for installation and use in conformity with the provisions of this subpart. Suitability of equipment for an identified purpose may be evidenced by listing, labeling, or certification for that identified purpose.

(ii) Mechanical strength and durability, including, for parts designed to enclose and protect other equipment, the adequacy of the protection thus provided.

(iii) Electrical insulation.

(iv) Heating effects under conditions of use.

(v) Arcing effects.

(vi) Classification by type, size, voltage, current capacity, specific use.

(vii) Other factors which contribute to the practical safeguarding of employees using or likely to come in contact with the equipment.

(2) **Installation and use.** Listed, labeled, or certified equipment shall be installed and used in accordance with instructions included in the listing, labeling, or certification.

(c) **Interrupting rating.** Equipment intended to break current shall have an interrupting rating at system voltage sufficient for the current that must be interrupted.

(d) **Mounting and cooling of equipment—(1) Mounting.** Electric equipment shall be firmly secured to the surface on which it is mounted. Wooden plugs driven into holes in masonry, concrete, plaster, or similar materials shall not be used.

(2) **Cooling.** Electrical equipment which depends upon the natural circulation of air and convection principles for cooling of exposed surfaces shall be installed so that room air flow over such surfaces is not prevented by walls or by adjacent installed equipment. For equipment designed for floor mounting, clearance between top surfaces and adjacent surfaces shall be provided to dissipate rising warm air. Electrical equipment provided with ventilating openings shall be installed so that walls or other obstructions do not prevent the free circulation of air through the equipment.

(e) **Splices.** Conductors shall be spliced or joined with splicing devices designed for the use or by brazing, welding, or soldering with a fusible metal or alloy. Soldered splices shall first be so spliced or joined as to be mechanically and electrically secure without solder and then soldered. All splices and joints and the free ends of conductors shall be covered with an insulation equivalent to that of the conductors or with an insulating device designed for the purpose.

Subpart K: Electrical

- (f) **Arcing parts.** Parts of electric equipment which in ordinary operation produce arcs, sparks, flames, or molten metal shall be enclosed or separated and isolated from all combustible material.
- (g) **Marking.** Electrical equipment shall not be used unless the manufacturer's name, trademark, or other descriptive marking by which the organization responsible for the product may be identified is placed on the equipment and unless other markings are provided giving voltage, current, wattage, or other ratings as necessary. The marking shall be of sufficient durability to withstand the environment involved.
- (h) **Identification of disconnecting means and circuits.** Each disconnecting means required by this subpart for motors and appliances shall be legibly marked to indicate its purpose, unless located and arranged so the purpose is evident. Each service, feeder, and branch circuit, at its disconnecting means or overcurrent device, shall be legibly marked to indicate its purpose, unless located and arranged so the purpose is evident. These markings shall be of sufficient durability to withstand the environment involved.
- (i) **600 Volts, nominal, or less.** This paragraph applies to equipment operating at 600 volts, nominal, or less.
- (1) **Working space about electric equipment.** Sufficient access and working space shall be provided and maintained about all electric equipment to permit ready and safe operation and maintenance of such equipment.
- (i) **Working clearances.** Except as required or permitted elsewhere in this subpart, the dimension of the working space in the direction of access to live parts operating at 600 volts or less and likely to require examination, adjustment, servicing, or maintenance while alive shall not be less than indicated in Table K-1. In addition to the dimensions shown in Table K-1, workspace shall not be less than 30 inches (762 mm) wide in front of the electric equipment. Distances shall be measured from the live parts if they are exposed, or from the enclosure front or opening if the live parts are enclosed. Walls constructed of concrete, brick, or tile are considered to be grounded. Working space is not required in back of assemblies such as dead-front switchboards or motor control centers where there are no renewable or adjustable parts such as fuses or switches on the back and where all connections are accessible from locations other than the back.

Table K-1—Working Clearances

Nominal voltage to ground	Minimum clear distance for conditions ¹		
	(a)	(b)	(c)
	Feet ²	Feet ²	Feet ²
0-150	3	3	3
151-600.....	3	3½	4

¹Conditions (a), (b), and (c) are as follows: (a) Exposed live parts on one side and no live or grounded parts on the other side of the working space, or exposed live parts on both sides effectively guarded by insulating material. Insulated wire or insulated busbars operating at not over 300 volts are not considered live parts. (b) Exposed live parts on one side and grounded parts on the other side. (c) Exposed live parts on both sides of the workspace [not guarded as provided in Condition (a)] with the operator between.

²Note: For International System of Units (SI): one foot=0.3048m.

- (ii) **Clear spaces.** Working space required by this subpart shall not be used for storage. When normally enclosed live parts are exposed for inspection or servicing, the working space, if in a passageway or general open space, shall be guarded.
- (iii) **Access and entrance to working space.** At least one entrance shall be provided to give access to the working space about electric equipment.
- (iv) **Front working space.** Where there are live parts normally exposed on the front of switchboards or motor control centers, the working space in front of such equipment shall not be less than 3 feet (914 mm).
- (v) **Headroom.** The minimum headroom of working spaces about service equipment, switchboards, panelboards, or motor control centers shall be 6 feet 3 inches (1.91 m).
- (2) **Guarding of live parts.** (i) Except as required or permitted elsewhere in this subpart, live parts of electric equipment operating at 50 volts or more shall be guarded against accidental contact by cabinets or other forms of enclosures, or by any of the following means:
- (A) By location in a room, vault, or similar enclosure that is accessible only to qualified persons.
- (B) By partitions or screens so arranged that only qualified persons will have access to the space within reach of the live parts. Any openings in such partitions or screens shall be so sized and located that persons are not likely to come into accidental contact with the live parts or to bring conducting objects into contact with them.
- (C) By location on a balcony, gallery, or platform so elevated and arranged as to exclude unqualified persons.
- (D) By elevation of 8 feet (2.44 m) or more above the floor or other working surface and so installed as to exclude unqualified persons.
- (ii) In locations where electric equipment would be exposed to physical damage, enclosures or guards shall be so arranged and of such strength as to prevent such damage.
- (iii) Entrances to rooms and other guarded locations containing exposed live parts shall be marked with conspicuous warning signs forbidding unqualified persons to enter.

- (j) **Over 600 volts, nominal.—(1) General.** Conductors and equipment used on circuits exceeding 600 volts, nominal, shall comply with all applicable provisions of paragraphs (a) through (g) of this section and with the following provisions which supplement or modify those requirements. The provisions of paragraphs (j)(2), (j)(3), and (j)(4) of this section do not apply to equipment on the supply side of the service conductors.
- (2) **Enclosure for electrical installations.** Electrical installations in a vault, room, closet or in an area surrounded by a wall, screen, or fence, access to which is controlled by lock and key or other equivalent means, are considered to be accessible to qualified persons only. A wall, screen, or fence less than 8 feet (2.44 m) in height is not considered adequate to prevent access unless it has other features that provide a degree of isolation equivalent to an 8 foot (2.44 m) fence. The entrances to all buildings, rooms or enclosures containing exposed live parts or exposed conductors operating at over 600 volts, nominal, shall be kept locked or shall be under the observation of a qualified person at all times.

Subpart K: Electrical

(i) *Installations accessible to qualified persons only.* Electrical installations having exposed live parts shall be accessible to qualified persons only and shall comply with the applicable provisions of paragraph (j)(3) of this section.

(ii) *Installations accessible to unqualified persons.* Electrical installations that are open to unqualified persons shall be made with metal-enclosed equipment or shall be enclosed in a vault or in an area, access to which is controlled by a lock. Metal-enclosed switchgear, unit substations, transformers, pull boxes, connection boxes, and other similar associated equipment shall be marked with appropriate caution signs. If equipment is exposed to physical damage from vehicular traffic, guards shall be provided to prevent such damage. Ventilating or similar openings in metal-enclosed equipment shall be designed so that foreign objects inserted through these openings will be deflected from energized parts.

(3) *Workspace about equipment.* Sufficient space shall be provided and maintained about electric equipment to permit ready and safe operation and maintenance of such equipment. Where energized parts are exposed, the minimum clear workspace shall not be less than 6 feet 6 inches (1.98 m) high (measured vertically from the floor or platform), or less than 3 feet (914 mm) wide (measured parallel to the equipment). The depth shall be as required in Table K-2. The workspace shall be adequate to permit at least a 90-degree opening of doors or hinged panels.

(i) *Working space.* The minimum clear working space in front of electric equipment such as switchboards, control panels, switches, circuit breakers, motor controllers, relays, and similar equipment shall not be less than specified in Table K-2 unless otherwise specified in this subpart. Distances shall be measured from the live parts if they are exposed, or from the enclosure front or opening if the live parts are enclosed. However, working space is not required in back of equipment such as deadfront switchboards or control assemblies where there are no renewable or adjustable parts (such as fuses or switches) on the back and where all connections are accessible from locations other than the back. Where rear access is required to work on de-energized parts on the back of enclosed equipment, a minimum working space of 30 inches (762 mm) horizontally shall be provided.

Table K-2—Minimum Depth of Clear Working Space in Front of Electric Equipment

Nominal voltage to ground	Conditions ¹		
	(a)	(b)	(c)
	Feet ²	Feet ²	Feet ²
601 to 2,500.....	3	4	5
2,501 to 9,000.....	4	5	6
9,001 to 25,000	5	6	9
25,001 to 75kV.....	6	8	10
Above 75kV	8	10	12

¹Conditions (a), (b), and (c) are as follows: (a) Exposed live parts on one side and no live or grounded parts on the other side of the working space, or exposed live parts on both sides effectively guarded by insulating materials. Insulated wire or insulated busbars operating at not over 300 volts are not considered live parts. (b) Exposed live parts on one side and grounded parts on the other side. Walls constructed of concrete, brick, or tile are considered to be grounded surfaces. (c) Exposed live parts on both sides of the workspace [not guarded as provided in Condition (a)] with the operator between.

²NOTE: For SI units: one foot=0.3048 m.

(ii) *Lighting outlets and points of control.* The lighting outlets shall be so arranged that persons changing lamps or making repairs on the lighting system will not be endangered by live parts or other equipment. The points of control shall be so located that persons are not likely to come in contact with any live part or moving part of the equipment while turning on the lights.

(iii) *Elevation of unguarded live parts.* Unguarded live parts above working space shall be maintained at elevations not less than specified in Table K-3.

Table K-3—Elevation of Unguarded Energized Parts Above Working Space

Nominal voltage between phases	Minimum elevation
601-7,500	8 feet 6 inches. ¹
7,501-35,000	9 feet.
over 35kV.....	9 feet + 0.37 inches per kV above 35kV.

¹NOTE: For SI units: one inch=25.4 mm; one foot=0.3038 m.

(4) *Entrance and access to workspace.* At least one entrance not less than 24 inches (610 mm) wide and 6 feet 6 inches (1.98 m) high shall be provided to give access to the working space about electric equipment. On switchboard and control panels exceeding 48 inches (1.22 m) in width, there shall be one entrance at each end of such board where practicable. Where bare energized parts at any voltage or insulated energized parts above 600 volts are located adjacent to such entrance, they shall be guarded.

§1926.404 Wiring design and protection.

(a) **Use and identification of grounded and grounding conductors—**(1) *Identification of conductors.* A conductor used as a grounded conductor shall be identifiable and distinguishable from all other conductors. A conductor used as an equipment grounding conductor shall be identifiable and distinguishable from all other conductors.

(2) *Polarity of connections.* No grounded conductor shall be attached to any terminal or lead so as to reverse designated polarity.

(3) *Use of grounding terminals and devices.* A grounding terminal or grounding-type device on a receptacle, cord connector, or attachment plug shall not be used for purposes other than grounding.

(b) **Branch circuits—**(1) *Ground-fault protection—*(i) *General.* The employer shall use either ground fault circuit interrupters as specified in paragraph (b)(1)(ii) of this section or an assured equipment grounding conductor program as specified in paragraph (b)(1)(iii) of this section to protect employees on construction sites. These requirements are in addition to any other requirements for equipment grounding conductors.

(ii) *Ground-fault circuit interrupters.* All 120-volt, single-phase 15- and 20-ampere receptacle outlets on construction sites, which are not a part of the permanent wiring of the building or structure and which are in use by employees, shall have approved ground-fault circuit interrupters for personnel protection. Receptacles on a two-wire, single-phase portable or vehicle-mounted generator rated not more than

Subpart K: Electrical

5kW, where the circuit conductors of the generator are insulated from the generator frame and all other grounded surfaces, need not be protected with ground-fault circuit interrupters.

(iii) *Assured equipment grounding conductor program.* The employer shall establish and implement an assured equipment grounding conductor program on construction sites covering all cord sets, receptacles which are not a part of the building or structure, and equipment connected by cord and plug which are available for use or used by employees. This program shall comply with the following minimum requirements:

(A) A written description of the program, including the specific procedures adopted by the employer, shall be available at the jobsite for inspection and copying by the Assistant Secretary and any affected employee.

(B) The employer shall designate one or more competent persons (as defined in §1926.32(f)) to implement the program.

(C) Each cord set, attachment cap, plug and receptacle of cord sets, and any equipment connected by cord and plug, except cord sets and receptacles which are fixed and not exposed to damage, shall be visually inspected before each day's use for external defects, such as deformed or missing pins or insulation damage, and for indications of possible internal damage. Equipment found damaged or defective shall not be used until repaired.

(D) The following tests shall be performed on all cord sets, receptacles which are not a part of the permanent wiring of the building or structure, and cord- and plug-connected equipment required to be grounded:

(1) All equipment grounding conductors shall be tested for continuity and shall be electrically continuous.

(2) Each receptacle and attachment cap or plug shall be tested for correct attachment of the equipment grounding conductor. The equipment grounding conductor shall be connected to its proper terminal.

(E) All required tests shall be performed:

- (1) Before first use;
- (2) Before equipment is returned to service following any repairs;
- (3) Before equipment is used after any incident which can be reasonably suspected to have caused damage (for example, when a cord set is run over); and
- (4) At intervals not to exceed 3 months, except that cord sets and receptacles which are fixed and not exposed to damage shall be tested at intervals not exceeding 6 months.

(F) The employer shall not make available or permit the use by employees of any equipment which has not met the requirements of this paragraph (b)(1)(iii) of this section.

(G) Tests performed as required in this paragraph shall be recorded. This test record shall identify each receptacle, cord set, and cord-and plug-connected equipment that passed the test and shall indicate the last date it was tested or the interval for which it was tested. This record shall be kept by means of logs, color coding, or other effective means and shall be maintained until replaced by a more

current record. The record shall be made available on the jobsite for inspection by the Assistant Secretary and any affected employee.

(2) *Outlet devices.* Outlet devices shall have an ampere rating not less than the load to be served and shall comply with the following:

(i) *Single receptacles.* A single receptacle installed on an individual branch circuit shall have an ampere rating of not less than that of the branch circuit.

(ii) *Two or more receptacles.* Where connected to a branch circuit supplying two or more receptacles or outlets, receptacle ratings shall conform to the values listed in Table K-4.

(iii) *Receptacles used for the connection of motors.* The rating of an attachment plug or receptacle used for cord- and plug-connection of a motor to a branch circuit shall not exceed 15 amperes at 125 volts or 10 amperes at 250 volts if individual overload protection is omitted.

Table K-4—Receptacle Ratings for Various Size Circuits

Circuit rating amperes	Receptacle rating amperes
15	Not over 15.
20	15 or 20.
30	30.
40	40 or 50.
50	50.

(c) **Outside conductors and lamps—**(1) *600 volts, nominal, or less.* Paragraphs (c)(1)(i) through (c)(1)(iv) of this section apply to branch circuit, feeder, and service conductors rated 600 volts, nominal, or less and run outdoors as open conductors.

(i) *Conductors on poles.* Conductors supported on poles shall provide a horizontal climbing space not less than the following:

(A) Power conductors below communication conductors-30 inches (762 mm).

(B) Power conductors alone or above communication conductors: 300 volts or less-24 inches (610 mm); more than 300 volts-30 inches (762 mm).

(C) Communication conductors below power conductors: with power conductors 300 volts or less-24 inches (610 mm); more than 300 volts-30 inches (762 mm).

(ii) *Clearance from ground.* Open conductors shall conform to the following minimum clearances:

(A) 10 feet (3.05 m)-above finished grade, sidewalks, or from any platform or projection from which they might be reached.

(B) 12 feet (3.66 m)-over areas subject to vehicular traffic other than truck traffic.

(C) 15 feet (4.57 m)-over areas other than those specified in paragraph (c)(1)(ii)(D) of this section that are subject to truck traffic.

(D) 18 feet (5.49 m)-over public streets, alleys, roads, and driveways.

(iii) *Clearance from building openings.* Conductors shall have a clearance of at least 3 feet (914 mm) from windows,

Subpart K: Electrical

doors, fire escapes, or similar locations. Conductors run above the top level of a window are considered to be out of reach from that window and, therefore, do not have to be 3 feet (914 mm) away.

(iv) *Clearance over roofs.* Conductors above roof space accessible to employees on foot shall have a clearance from the highest point of the roof surface of not less than 8 feet (2.44 m) vertical clearance for insulated conductors, not less than 10 feet (3.05 m) vertical or diagonal clearance for covered conductors, and not less than 15 feet (4.57 m) for bare conductors, except that:

(A) Where the roof space is also accessible to vehicular traffic, the vertical clearance shall not be less than 18 feet (5.49 m), or

(B) Where the roof space is not normally accessible to employees on foot, fully insulated conductors shall have a vertical or diagonal clearance of not less than 3 feet (914 mm), or

(C) Where the voltage between conductors is 300 volts or less and the roof has a slope of not less than 4 inches (102 mm) in 12 inches (305 mm), the clearance from roofs shall be at least 3 feet (914 mm), or

(D) Where the voltage between conductors is 300 volts or less and the conductors do not pass over more than 4 feet (1.22 m) of the overhang portion of the roof and they are terminated at a through-the-roof raceway or support, the clearance from roofs shall be at least 18 inches (457 mm).

(2) *Location of outdoor lamps.* Lamps for outdoor lighting shall be located below all live conductors, transformers, or other electric equipment, unless such equipment is controlled by a disconnecting means that can be locked in the open position or unless adequate clearances or other safeguards are provided for relamping operations.

(d) **Services—(1) Disconnecting means—(i) General.** Means shall be provided to disconnect all conductors in a building or other structure from the service-entrance conductors. The disconnecting means shall plainly indicate whether it is in the open or closed position and shall be installed at a readily accessible location nearest the point of entrance of the service-entrance conductors.

(ii) *Simultaneous opening of poles.* Each service disconnecting means shall simultaneously disconnect all ungrounded conductors.

(2) *Services over 600 volts, nominal.* The following additional requirements apply to services over 600 volts, nominal.

(i) *Guarding.* Service-entrance conductors installed as open wires shall be guarded to make them accessible only to qualified persons.

(ii) *Warning signs.* Signs warning of high voltage shall be posted where unauthorized employees might come in contact with live parts.

(e) **Overcurrent protection—(1) 600 volts, nominal, or less.** The following requirements apply to overcurrent protection of circuits rated 600 volts, nominal, or less.

(i) *Protection of conductors and equipment.* Conductors and equipment shall be protected from overcurrent in accordance with their ability to safely conduct current. Conductors shall have sufficient ampacity to carry the load.

(ii) *Grounded conductors.* Except for motor-running overload protection, overcurrent devices shall not interrupt the continuity of the grounded conductor unless all conductors of the circuit are opened simultaneously.

(iii) *Disconnection of fuses and thermal cutouts.* Except for devices provided for current-limiting on the supply side of the service disconnecting means, all cartridge fuses which are accessible to other than qualified persons and all fuses and thermal cutouts on circuits over 150 volts to ground shall be provided with disconnecting means. This disconnecting means shall be installed so that the fuse or thermal cutout can be disconnected from its supply without disrupting service to equipment and circuits unrelated to those protected by the overcurrent device.

(iv) *Location in or on premises.* Overcurrent devices shall be readily accessible. Overcurrent devices shall not be located where they could create an employee safety hazard by being exposed to physical damage or located in the vicinity of easily ignitable material.

(v) *Arcing or suddenly moving parts.* Fuses and circuit breakers shall be so located or shielded that employees will not be burned or otherwise injured by their operation.

(vi) *Circuit breakers—(A)* Circuit breakers shall clearly indicate whether they are in the open (off) or closed (on) position.

(B) Where circuit breaker handles on switchboards are operated vertically rather than horizontally or rotationally, the up position of the handle shall be the closed (on) position.

(C) If used as switches in 120-volt, fluorescent lighting circuits, circuit breakers shall be marked “SWD.”

(2) *Over 600 volts, nominal.* Feeders and branch circuits over 600 volts, nominal, shall have short-circuit protection.

(f) **Grounding.** Paragraphs (f)(1) through (f)(11) of this section contain grounding requirements for systems, circuits, and equipment.

(1) *Systems to be grounded.* The following systems which supply premises wiring shall be grounded:

(i) *Three-wire DC systems.* All 3-wire DC systems shall have their neutral conductor grounded.

(ii) *Two-wire DC systems.* Two-wire DC systems operating at over 50 volts through 300 volts between conductors shall be grounded unless they are rectifier-derived from an AC system complying with paragraphs (f)(1)(iii), (f)(1)(iv), and (f)(1)(v) of this section.

(iii) *AC circuits, less than 50 volts.* AC circuits of less than 50 volts shall be grounded if they are installed as overhead conductors outside of buildings or if they are supplied by transformers and the transformer primary supply system is ungrounded or exceeds 150 volts to ground.

(iv) *AC systems, 50 volts to 1000 volts.* AC systems of 50 volts to 1000 volts shall be grounded under any of the following conditions, unless exempted by paragraph (f)(1)(v) of this section:

(A) If the system can be so grounded that the maximum voltage to ground on the ungrounded conductors does not exceed 150 volts;

Subpart K: Electrical

(B) If the system is nominally rated 480Y/277 volt, 3-phase, 4-wire in which the neutral is used as a circuit conductor;

(C) If the system is nominally rated 240/120 volt, 3-phase, 4-wire in which the midpoint of one phase is used as a circuit conductor; or

(D) If a service conductor is uninsulated.

(v) *Exceptions.* AC systems of 50 volts to 1000 volts are not required to be grounded if the system is separately derived and is supplied by a transformer that has a primary voltage rating less than 1000 volts, provided all of the following conditions are met:

(A) The system is used exclusively for control circuits,

(B) The conditions of maintenance and supervision assure that only qualified persons will service the installation,

(C) Continuity of control power is required, and

(D) Ground detectors are installed on the control system.

(2) *Separately derived systems.* Where paragraph (f)(1) of this section requires grounding of wiring systems whose power is derived from generator, transformer, or converter windings and has no direct electrical connection, including a solidly connected grounded circuit conductor, to supply conductors originating in another system, paragraph (f)(5) of this section shall also apply.

(3) *Portable and vehicle-mounted generators—(i) Portable generators.* Under the following conditions, the frame of a portable generator need not be grounded and may serve as the grounding electrode for a system supplied by the generator:

(A) The generator supplies only equipment mounted on the generator and/or cord- and plug-connected equipment through receptacles mounted on the generator, and

(B) The noncurrent-carrying metal parts of equipment and the equipment grounding conductor terminals of the receptacles are bonded to the generator frame.

(ii) *Vehicle-mounted generators.* Under the following conditions the frame of a vehicle may serve as the grounding electrode for a system supplied by a generator located on the vehicle:

(A) The frame of the generator is bonded to the vehicle frame, and

(B) The generator supplies only equipment located on the vehicle and/or cord- and plug-connected equipment through receptacles mounted on the vehicle or on the generator, and

(C) The noncurrent-carrying metal parts of equipment and the equipment grounding conductor terminals of the receptacles are bonded to the generator frame, and

(D) The system complies with all other provisions of this section.

(iii) *Neutral conductor bonding.* A neutral conductor shall be bonded to the generator frame if the generator is a component of a separately derived system. No other conductor need be bonded to the generator frame.

(4) *Conductors to be grounded.* For AC premises wiring systems the identified conductor shall be grounded.

(5) *Grounding connections—(i) Grounded system.* For a grounded system, a grounding electrode conductor shall be used to connect both the equipment grounding conductor and the grounded circuit conductor to the grounding electrode. Both the equipment grounding conductor and the grounding electrode conductor shall be connected to the grounded circuit conductor on the supply side of the service disconnecting means, or on the supply side of the system disconnecting means or overcurrent devices if the system is separately derived.

(ii) *Ungrounded systems.* For an ungrounded service-supplied system, the equipment grounding conductor shall be connected to the grounding electrode conductor at the service equipment. For an ungrounded separately derived system, the equipment grounding conductor shall be connected to the grounding electrode conductor at, or ahead of, the system disconnecting means or overcurrent devices.

(6) *Grounding path.* The path to ground from circuits, equipment, and enclosures shall be permanent and continuous.

(7) *Supports, enclosures, and equipment to be grounded—(i) Supports and enclosures for conductors.* Metal cable trays, metal raceways, and metal enclosures for conductors shall be grounded, except that:

(A) Metal enclosures such as sleeves that are used to protect cable assemblies from physical damage need not be grounded; and

(B) Metal enclosures for conductors added to existing installations of open wire, knob-and-tube wiring, and nonmetallic-sheathed cable need not be grounded if all of the following conditions are met:

(1) Runs are less than 25 feet (7.62 m);

(2) Enclosures are free from probable contact with ground, grounded metal, metal laths, or other conductive materials; and

(3) Enclosures are guarded against employee contact.

(ii) *Service equipment enclosures.* Metal enclosures for service equipment shall be grounded.

(iii) *Fixed equipment.* Exposed noncurrent-carrying metal parts of fixed equipment which may become energized shall be grounded under any of the following conditions:

(A) If within 8 feet (2.44 m) vertically or 5 feet (1.52 m) horizontally of ground or grounded metal objects and subject to employee contact.

(B) If located in a wet or damp location and subject to employee contact.

(C) If in electrical contact with metal.

(D) If in a hazardous (classified) location.

(E) If supplied by a metal-clad, metal-sheathed, or grounded metal raceway wiring method.

(F) If equipment operates with any terminal at over 150 volts to ground; however, the following need not be grounded:

(1) Enclosures for switches or circuit breakers used for other than service equipment and accessible to qualified persons only;

Subpart K: Electrical

(2) Metal frames of electrically heated appliances which are permanently and effectively insulated from ground; and

(3) The cases of distribution apparatus such as transformers and capacitors mounted on wooden poles at a height exceeding 8 feet (2.44 m) above ground or grade level.

(iv) Equipment connected by cord and plug. Under any of the conditions described in paragraphs (f)(7)(iv)(A) through (f)(7)(iv)(C) of this section, exposed noncurrent-carrying metal parts of cord- and plug-connected equipment which may become energized shall be grounded:

(A) If in a hazardous (classified) location (see §1926.407).

(B) If operated at over 150 volts to ground, except for guarded motors and metal frames of electrically heated appliances if the appliance frames are permanently and effectively insulated from ground.

(C) If the equipment is one of the types listed in paragraphs (f)(7)(iv)(C)(1) through (f)(7)(iv)(C)(5) of this section. However, even though the equipment may be one of these types, it need not be grounded if it is exempted by paragraph (f)(7)(iv)(C)(6).

(1) Hand held motor-operated tools;

(2) Cord- and plug-connected equipment used in damp or wet locations or by employees standing on the ground or on metal floors or working inside of metal tanks or boilers;

(3) Portable and mobile X-ray and associated equipment;

(4) Tools likely to be used in wet and/or conductive locations;

(5) Portable hand lamps.

(6) Tools likely to be used in wet and/or conductive locations need not be grounded if supplied through an isolating transformer with an ungrounded secondary of not over 50 volts. Listed or labeled portable tools and appliances protected by a system of double insulation, or its equivalent, need not be grounded. If such a system is employed, the equipment shall be distinctively marked to indicate that the tool or appliance utilizes a system of double insulation.

(v) *Nonelectrical equipment.* The metal parts of the following nonelectrical equipment shall be grounded: Frames and tracks of electrically operated cranes; frames of non-electrically driven elevator cars to which electric conductors are attached; hand-operated metal shifting ropes or cables of electric elevators, and metal partitions, grill work, and similar metal enclosures around equipment of over 1kV between conductors.

(8) *Methods of grounding equipment—(i) With circuit conductors.* Noncurrent-carrying metal parts of fixed equipment, if required to be grounded by this subpart, shall be grounded by an equipment grounding conductor which is contained within the same raceway, cable, or cord, or runs with or encloses the circuit conductors. For DC circuits only, the equipment grounding conductor may be run separately from the circuit conductors.

(ii) *Grounding conductor.* A conductor used for grounding fixed or movable equipment shall have capacity to conduct safely any fault current which may be imposed on it.

(iii) *Equipment considered effectively grounded.* Electric equipment is considered to be effectively grounded if it is

secured to, and in electrical contact with, a metal rack or structure that is provided for its support and the metal rack or structure is grounded by the method specified for the noncurrent-carrying metal parts of fixed equipment in paragraph (f)(8)(i) of this section. Metal car frames supported by metal hoisting cables attached to or running over metal sheaves or drums of grounded elevator machines are also considered to be effectively grounded.

(9) *Bonding.* If bonding conductors are used to assure electrical continuity, they shall have the capacity to conduct any fault current which may be imposed.

(10) *Made electrodes.* If made electrodes are used, they shall be free from nonconductive coatings, such as paint or enamel; and, if practicable, they shall be embedded below permanent moisture level. A single electrode consisting of a rod, pipe or plate which has a resistance to ground greater than 25 ohms shall be augmented by one additional electrode installed no closer than 6 feet (1.83 m) to the first electrode.

(11) *Grounding of systems and circuits of 1000 volts and over (high voltage)—(i) General.* If high voltage systems are grounded, they shall comply with all applicable provisions of paragraphs (f)(1) through (f)(10) of this section as supplemented and modified by this paragraph (f)(11).

(ii) *Grounding of systems supplying portable or mobile equipment.* Systems supplying portable or mobile high voltage equipment, other than substations installed on a temporary basis, shall comply with the following:

(A) Portable and mobile high voltage equipment shall be supplied from a system having its neutral grounded through an impedance. If a delta-connected high voltage system is used to supply the equipment, a system neutral shall be derived.

(B) Exposed noncurrent-carrying metal parts of portable and mobile equipment shall be connected by an equipment grounding conductor to the point at which the system neutral impedance is grounded.

(C) Ground-fault detection and relaying shall be provided to automatically de-energize any high voltage system component which has developed a ground fault. The continuity of the equipment grounding conductor shall be continuously monitored so as to de-energize automatically the high voltage feeder to the portable equipment upon loss of continuity of the equipment grounding conductor.

(D) The grounding electrode to which the portable or mobile equipment system neutral impedance is connected shall be isolated from and separated in the ground by at least 20 feet (6.1 m) from any other system or equipment grounding electrode, and there shall be no direct connection between the grounding electrodes, such as buried pipe, fence or like objects.

(iii) *Grounding of equipment.* All noncurrent-carrying metal parts of portable equipment and fixed equipment including their associated fences, housings, enclosures, and supporting structures shall be grounded. However, equipment which is guarded by location and isolated from ground need not be grounded. Additionally, pole-mounted distribution apparatus at a height exceeding 8 feet (2.44 m) above ground or grade level need not be grounded.

Subpart K: Electrical

§1926.405 Wiring methods, components, and equipment for general use.

(a) **Wiring methods.** The provisions of this paragraph do not apply to conductors which form an integral part of equipment such as motors, controllers, motor control centers and like equipment.

(1) **General requirements—(i) Electrical continuity of metal raceways and enclosures.** Metal raceways, cable armor, and other metal enclosures for conductors shall be metallicity joined together into a continuous electric conductor and shall be so connected to all boxes, fittings, and cabinets as to provide effective electrical continuity.

(ii) **Wiring in ducts.** No wiring systems of any type shall be installed in ducts used to transport dust, loose stock or flammable vapors. No wiring system of any type shall be installed in any duct used for vapor removal or in any shaft containing only such ducts.

(2) **Temporary wiring—(i) Scope.** The provisions of paragraph (a)(2) of this section apply to temporary electrical power and lighting wiring methods which may be of a class less than would be required for a permanent installation. Except as specifically modified in paragraph (a)(2) of this section, all other requirements of this subpart for permanent wiring shall apply to temporary wiring installations. Temporary wiring shall be removed immediately upon completion of construction or the purpose for which the wiring was installed.

(ii) **General requirements for temporary wiring—(A) Feeders** shall originate in a distribution center. The conductors shall be run as multiconductor cord or cable assemblies or within raceways; or, where not subject to physical damage, they may be run as open conductors on insulators not more than 10 feet (3.05 m) apart.

(B) Branch circuits shall originate in a power outlet or panelboard. Conductors shall be run as multiconductor cord or cable assemblies or open conductors, or shall be run in raceways. All conductors shall be protected by overcurrent devices at their ampacity. Runs of open conductors shall be located where the conductors will not be subject to physical damage, and the conductors shall be fastened at intervals not exceeding 10 feet (3.05 m). No branch-circuit conductors shall be laid on the floor. Each branch circuit that supplies receptacles or fixed equipment shall contain a separate equipment grounding conductor if the branch circuit is run as open conductors.

(C) Receptacles shall be of the grounding type. Unless installed in a complete metallic raceway, each branch circuit shall contain a separate equipment grounding conductor, and all receptacles shall be electrically connected to the grounding conductor. Receptacles for uses other than temporary lighting shall not be installed on branch circuits which supply temporary lighting. Receptacles shall not be connected to the same ungrounded conductor of multiwire circuits which supply temporary lighting.

(D) Disconnecting switches or plug connectors shall be installed to permit the disconnection of all ungrounded conductors of each temporary circuit.

(E) All lamps for general illumination shall be protected from accidental contact or breakage. Metal-case sockets shall be grounded.

(F) Temporary lights shall not be suspended by their elec-

tric cords unless cords and lights are designed for this means of suspension.

(G) Portable electric lighting used in wet and/or other conductive locations, as for example, drums, tanks, and vessels, shall be operated at 12 volts or less. However, 120-volt lights may be used if protected by a ground-fault circuit interrupter.

(H) A box shall be used wherever a change is made to a raceway system or a cable system which is metal clad or metal sheathed.

(I) Flexible cords and cables shall be protected from damage. Sharp corners and projections shall be avoided. Flexible cords and cables may pass through doorways or other pinch points, if protection is provided to avoid damage.

(J) Extension cord sets used with portable electric tools and appliances shall be of three-wire type and shall be designed for hard or extra-hard usage. Flexible cords used with temporary and portable lights shall be designed for hard or extra-hard usage.

NOTE: The National Electrical Code, ANSI/NFPA 70, in Article 400, Table 400-4, lists various types of flexible cords, some of which are noted as being designed for hard or extra-hard usage. Examples of these types of flexible cords include hard service cord (types S, ST, SO, STO) and junior hard service cord (types SJ, SJO, SJT, SJTO).

(iii) **Guarding.** For temporary wiring over 600 volts, nominal, fencing, barriers, or other effective means shall be provided to prevent access of other than authorized and qualified personnel.

(b) **Cabinets, boxes, and fittings.** (1) **Conductors entering boxes, cabinets, or fittings.** Conductors entering boxes, cabinets, or fittings shall be protected from abrasion, and openings through which conductors enter shall be effectively closed. Unused openings in cabinets, boxes, and fittings shall also be effectively closed.

(2) **Covers and canopies.** All pull boxes, junction boxes, and fittings shall be provided with covers. If metal covers are used, they shall be grounded. In energized installations each outlet box shall have a cover, faceplate, or fixture canopy. Covers of outlet boxes having holes through which flexible cord pendants pass shall be provided with bushings designed for the purpose or shall have smooth, well-rounded surfaces on which the cords may bear.

(3) **Pull and junction boxes for systems over 600 volts, nominal.** In addition to other requirements in this section for pull and junction boxes, the following shall apply to these boxes for systems over 600 volts, nominal:

(i) **Complete enclosure.** Boxes shall provide a complete enclosure for the contained conductors or cables.

(ii) **Covers.** Boxes shall be closed by covers securely fastened in place. Underground box covers that weigh over 100 pounds (43.6 kg) meet this requirement. Covers for boxes shall be permanently marked "HIGH VOLTAGE." The marking shall be on the outside of the box cover and shall be readily visible and legible.

(c) **Knife switches.** Single-throw knife switches shall be so connected that the blades are dead when the switch is in the open position. Single-throw knife switches shall be so placed that gravity will not tend to close them. Single-throw knife switches approved for use in the inverted position shall be provided with a locking device that will ensure that the blades remain in the open position when so set.

Subpart K: Electrical

Double-throw knife switches may be mounted so that the throw will be either vertical or horizontal. However, if the throw is vertical, a locking device shall be provided to ensure that the blades remain in the open position when so set.

(d) **Switchboards and panelboards.** Switchboards that have any exposed live parts shall be located in permanently dry locations and accessible only to qualified persons. Panelboards shall be mounted in cabinets, cutout boxes, or enclosures designed for the purpose and shall be dead front. However, panelboards other than the dead front externally-operable type are permitted where accessible only to qualified persons. Exposed blades of knife switches shall be dead when open.

(e) **Enclosures for damp or wet locations.** (1) *Cabinets, fittings, and boxes.* Cabinets, cutout boxes, fittings, boxes, and panelboard enclosures in damp or wet locations shall be installed so as to prevent moisture or water from entering and accumulating within the enclosures. In wet locations the enclosures shall be weatherproof.

(2) *Switches and circuit breakers.* Switches, circuit breakers, and switchboards installed in wet locations shall be enclosed in weatherproof enclosures.

(f) **Conductors for general wiring.** All conductors used for general wiring shall be insulated unless otherwise permitted in this Subpart. The conductor insulation shall be of a type that is suitable for the voltage, operating temperature, and location of use. Insulated conductors shall be distinguishable by appropriate color or other means as being grounded conductors, ungrounded conductors, or equipment grounding conductors.

(g) **Flexible cords and cables—(1) Use of flexible cords and cables—(i) Permitted uses.** Flexible cords and cables shall be suitable for conditions of use and location. Flexible cords and cables shall be used only for:

- (A) Pendants;
- (B) Wiring of fixtures;
- (C) Connection of portable lamps or appliances;
- (D) Elevator cables;
- (E) Wiring of cranes and hoists;
- (F) Connection of stationary equipment to facilitate their frequent interchange;
- (G) Prevention of the transmission of noise or vibration; or
- (H) Appliances where the fastening means and mechanical connections are designed to permit removal for maintenance and repair.

(ii) *Attachment plugs for cords.* If used as permitted in paragraphs (g)(1)(i)(C), (g)(1)(i)(F), or (g)(1)(i)(H) of this section, the flexible cord shall be equipped with an attachment plug and shall be energized from a receptacle outlet.

(iii) *Prohibited uses.* Unless necessary for a use permitted in paragraph (g)(1)(i) of this section, flexible cords and cables shall not be used:

- (A) As a substitute for the fixed wiring of a structure;
- (B) Where run through holes in walls, ceilings, or floors;

(C) Where run through doorways, windows, or similar openings, except as permitted in paragraph (a)(2)(ii)(1) of this section;

(D) Where attached to building surfaces; or

(E) Where concealed behind building walls, ceilings, or floors.

(2) *Identification, splices, and terminations—(i) Identification.* A conductor of a flexible cord or cable that is used as a grounded conductor or an equipment grounding conductor shall be distinguishable from other conductors.

(ii) *Marking.* Type SJ, SJO, SJT, SJTO, S, SO, ST, and STO cords shall not be used unless durably marked on the surface with the type designation, size, and number of conductors.

(iii) *Splices.* Flexible cords shall be used only in continuous lengths without splice or tap. Hard service flexible cords No. 12 or larger may be repaired if spliced so that the splice retains the insulation, outer sheath properties, and usage characteristics of the cord being spliced.

(iv) *Strain relief.* Flexible cords shall be connected to devices and fittings so that strain relief is provided which will prevent pull from being directly transmitted to joints or terminal screws.

(v) *Cords passing through holes.* Flexible cords and cables shall be protected by bushings or fittings where passing through holes in covers, outlet boxes, or similar enclosures.

(h) **Portable cables over 600 volts, nominal.** Multiconductor portable cable for use in supplying power to portable or mobile equipment at over 600 volts, nominal, shall consist of No. 8 or larger conductors employing flexible stranding. Cables operated at over 2000 volts shall be shielded for the purpose of confining the voltage stresses to the insulation. Grounding conductors shall be provided. Connectors for these cables shall be of a locking type with provisions to prevent their opening or closing while energized. Strain relief shall be provided at connections and terminations. Portable cables shall not be operated with splices unless the splices are of the permanent molded, vulcanized, or other equivalent type. Termination enclosures shall be marked with a high voltage hazard warning, and terminations shall be accessible only to authorized and qualified personnel.

(i) **Fixture wires—(1) General.** Fixture wires shall be suitable for the voltage, temperature, and location of use. A fixture wire which is used as a grounded conductor shall be identified.

(2) *Uses permitted.* Fixture wires may be used:

(i) For installation in lighting, fixtures and in similar equipment where enclosed or protected and not subject to bending or twisting in use; or

(ii) For connecting lighting fixtures to the branch-circuit conductors supplying the fixtures.

(3) *Uses not permitted.* Fixture wires shall not be used as branch-circuit conductors except as permitted for Class 1 power-limited circuits.

(j) **Equipment for general use—(1) Lighting fixtures, lampholders, lamps, and receptacles—(i) Live parts.** Fixtures, lampholders, lamps, rosettes, and receptacles shall

Subpart K: Electrical

have no live parts normally exposed to employee contact. However, rosettes and cleat-type lampholders and receptacles located at least 8 feet (2.44 m) above the floor may have exposed parts.

(ii) *Support.* Fixtures, lampholders, rosettes, and receptacles shall be securely supported. A fixture that weighs more than 6 pounds (2.72 kg) or exceeds 16 inches (406 mm) in any dimension shall not be supported by the screw shell of a lampholder.

(iii) *Portable lamps.* Portable lamps shall be wired with flexible cord and an attachment plug of the polarized or grounding type. If the portable lamp uses an Edison-based lampholder, the grounded conductor shall be identified and attached to the screw shell and the identified blade of the attachment plug. In addition, portable handlamps shall comply with the following:

- (A) Metal shell, paperlined lampholders shall not be used;
- (B) Handlamps shall be equipped with a handle of molded composition or other insulating material;
- (C) Handlamps shall be equipped with a substantial guard attached to the lampholder or handle;
- (D) Metallic guards shall be grounded by the means of an equipment grounding conductor run within the power supply cord.

(iv) *Lampholders.* Lampholders of the screw-shell type shall be installed for use as lampholders only. Lampholders installed in wet or damp locations shall be of the weather-proof type.

(v) *Fixtures.* Fixtures installed in wet or damp locations shall be identified for the purpose and shall be installed so that water cannot enter or accumulate in wireways, lampholders, or other electrical parts.

(2) *Receptacles, cord connectors, and attachment plugs (caps)—(i) Configuration.* Receptacles, cord connectors, and attachment plugs shall be constructed so that no receptacle or cord connector will accept an attachment plug with a different voltage or current rating than that for which the device is intended. However, a 20-ampere T-slot receptacle or cord connector may accept a 15-ampere attachment plug of the same voltage rating. Receptacles connected to circuits having different voltages, frequencies, or types of current (ac or dc) on the same premises shall be of such design that the attachment plugs used on these circuits are not interchangeable.

(ii) *Damp and wet locations.* A receptacle installed in a wet or damp location shall be designed for the location.

(3) *Appliances—(i) Live parts.* Appliances, other than those in which the current-carrying parts at high temperatures are necessarily exposed, shall have no live parts normally exposed to employee contact.

(ii) *Disconnecting means.* A means shall be provided to disconnect each appliance.

(iii) *Rating.* Each appliance shall be marked with its rating in volts and amperes or volts and watts.

(4) *Motors.* This paragraph applies to motors, motor circuits, and controllers.

(i) *In sight from.* If specified that one piece of equipment shall be “in sight from” another piece of equipment, one shall be visible and not more than 50 feet (15.2 m) from the other.

(ii) *Disconnecting means—(A)* A disconnecting means shall be located in sight from the controller location. The controller disconnecting means for motor branch circuits over 600 volts, nominal, may be out of sight of the controller, if the controller is marked with a warning label giving the location and identification of the disconnecting means which is to be locked in the open position.

(B) The disconnecting means shall disconnect the motor and the controller from all ungrounded supply conductors and shall be so designed that no pole can be operated independently.

(C) If a motor and the driven machinery are not in sight from the controller location, the installation shall comply with one of the following conditions:

(1) The controller disconnecting means shall be capable of being locked in the open position.

(2) A manually operable switch that will disconnect the motor from its source of supply shall be placed in sight from the motor location.

(D) The disconnecting means shall plainly indicate whether it is in the open (off) or closed (on) position.

(E) The disconnecting means shall be readily accessible. If more than one disconnect is provided for the same equipment, only one need be readily accessible.

(F) An individual disconnecting means shall be provided for each motor, but a single disconnecting means may be used for a group of motors under any one of the following conditions:

(1) If a number of motors drive special parts of a single machine or piece of apparatus, such as a metal or wood-working machine, crane, or hoist;

(2) If a group of motors is under the protection of one set of branch-circuit protective devices; or

(3) If a group of motors is in a single room in sight from the location of the disconnecting means.

(iii) *Motor overload, short-circuit, and ground-fault protection.* Motors, motor-control apparatus, and motor branch-circuit conductors shall be protected against overheating due to motor overloads or failure to start, and against short-circuits or ground faults. These provisions do not require overload protection that will stop a motor where a shutdown is likely to introduce additional or increased hazards, as in the case of fire pumps, or where continued operation of a motor is necessary for a safe shutdown of equipment or process and motor overload sensing devices are connected to a supervised alarm.

(iv) *Protection of live parts—all voltages—(A)* Stationary motors having commutators, collectors, and brush rigging located inside of motor end brackets and not conductively connected to supply circuits operating at more than 150 volts to ground need not have such parts guarded. Exposed live parts of motors and controllers operating at 50 volts or more between terminals shall be guarded against accidental contact by any of the following:

Want to Keep Reading?

[Visit JJKeller.com now](http://JJKeller.com) to order or get more details on this guide written by our safety & compliance experts.

Convenient Update Service subscriptions are also available to help you make sure your information is always up to date.

NOW AVAILABLE - Access Your Guide Online

With our NEW Online Edition options, you can access this guide's content from any browser or mobile device. You'll get:

- Search capabilities for easy navigation and fast research
- Bookmarks to help you to quickly flip to sections you frequently use
- Continuous updates to ensure you always have the most current info
- Notifications via homepage and email to help you stay on top of changes
- Easy access to ask questions of our subject matter experts

[Order Now to Keep Reading!](#)



Connect With Us



@jjkeller



jjkeller.com/LinkedIn



google.com/+jjkeller



contact us