

OSHA REQUIREMENT FOR FALL PROTECTION

- Part Number: 1926
- Part Title: Safety and Health Regulations for Construction
- Subpart: M
- Subpart Title: Fall Protection
- Standard Number: 1926.501
- Title: Duty to have fall protection.

1926.501(a) – “General.”

1926.501(a)(1) – This section sets forth requirements for employers to provide fall protection systems. All fall protection required by this section shall conform to the criteria set forth in 1926.502 of this subpart.

1926.501(a)(2) – The employer shall determine if the walking/working surfaces on which its employees are to work have the strength and structural integrity to support employees safely. Employees shall be allowed to work on those surfaces only when the surfaces have the requisite strength and structural integrity.

1926.501(b)

1926.501(b)(1)

“Unprotected sides and edges.” Each employee on a walking/working surface (horizontal and vertical surface) with an unprotected side or edge which is 6 feet or more above a lower level shall be protected from falling by the use of guardrail systems, safety net systems, or personal fall arrest systems.

OSHA REQUIREMENT FOR “GUARDRAIL SYSTEMS”

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- Part Title: Safety and Health Regulations for Construction
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- Subpart Title: Fall Protection
- Standard Number: 1926.502

1926.502(a) – “General.”

1926.502(a)(1) – Fall protection systems required by this part shall comply with the applicable provisions of this section.

1926.502(a)(2) – Employers shall provide and install all fall protection systems required by this subpart for an employee, and shall comply with all other pertinent requirements of this subpart before that employee begins the work that necessitates the fall protection.

1926.502(b) – “Guardrail systems.” Guardrail systems and their use shall comply with the following provisions