

The Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board

Workplace Safety and Health Rulemakings

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Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board (OSHSB)



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History of OSHSB

- Created by the Legislature in 1973 as a successor to the Industrial Safety Board.
- Is the only agency in the state authorized to adopt, amend or repeal occupational safety and health standards or orders (Labor Code 142.3).

OSHSB Mission

The mission of the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board is to promote, adopt and maintain reasonable and enforceable standards that will ensure a safe and healthful workplace for California workers.

OSHSB Staff

Millicent Barajas
Executive Officer
(Appointed by the Board)

Engineering Unit

Legal Unit

Administrative Services
Unit

Regulations Unit

What is OSHSB?

The Board is an independent body under the administrative umbrella of the Department of Industrial Relations. It focuses solely on rulemaking and adjudicating variance applications.

The Board does not engage in enforcement activities, such as interpreting standards, investigating incidents or complaints, consultation services, levying fines, or issuing elevator permits.

Enforcement activities are the duties of the Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA).

Primary Regulation Sources

- Federal Changes
- Petition Decisions
- Appeals Board Decisions
- Variance Decisions
- Cal/OSHA Requests
- Standards Board members or staff
- Statutory Changes (deadlines as specified in legislation)

Beyond Federal OSHA

In addition to ensuring California's protections are at least as effective as (ALAEA) Federal OSHA, OSHSB maintains standards for certain areas not covered or enforced by federal standards or enforcement.

These standards apply to:

- Elevators
- Aerial passenger tramways
- Amusement rides
- Pressure vessels

Cal/OSHA or OSHSB?

Health Regulations

- Cal/OSHA staff develop proposals
- Examples include:
 - Heat Illness
 - Lead Exposure
 - Aerosol Transmissible Diseases
 - COVID-19
 - Crystalline Silica
- Proposed to the Board for approval and adoption

Safety Regulations

- OSHSB staff develop proposals
- Examples include:
 - Construction Personnel Hoists
 - Walking Working Surfaces
 - Residential Fall Protection
 - Firefighter PPE
- Proposed to the Board for approval and adoption

How You Can Participate in the Rulemaking Process

- Attend OSHSB meetings (monthly, around the state)
- Submit comments regarding rulemaking proposals
- Submit petitions
- Join advisory committees
- Reach out to OSHSB staff as needed to learn about the rulemaking process and project status
- Monitor the OSHSB website: www.dir.ca.gov/oshsb
- Join our mailing list: <https://www.dir.ca.gov/oshsb/email-list-request-form.html>

Advisory Committees

- Pre-rulemaking
- Assists staff in the development of a regulation
- Participants may include subject matter experts from labor, management, academia, Cal/OSHA, etc.
- Discuss necessity, enforceability, cost impact, etc.
- Consensus: "The goal, but not required"

OSHSB 2024/25 Current Projects

OSHSB 2024/25 Proposed Rulemaking Projects

8 CCR Sections	Subject	Source	A/C	Brief Description
GISO section 5357(a)	Snow Avalanche Blasting - RACS	Petition 575	Yes	Amend title 8 snow avalanche requirements to address hazards associated with Remote Avalanche Control Systems (RACS).
GISO sections 5349, 5350 & 5357	Snow Avalanche Blasting	Cal/OSHA Form 9	Yes	Amend title 8 and clarify how far from the ignited hand charge the employee must be prior to tossing the ignited charge (i.e. the employee is to be at a safe location when the charge detonates). Addresses written procedures and training.
CSO section 1630(a)	Jobsite installation of a Construction Personnel Elevator (CPE)	Cal/OSHA Form 9 & Petition 587	Yes	Amend title 8 to require that the CPE have a landing at each floor, including the roof, and establish a maximum travel distance requirement for employees to access the CPE.



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CSO article 37 GISO sections 5156	Confined Spaces in Construction	Staff Initiated	Yes	Amend title 8 to address deficiencies contained in article 37 and remove references to the construction industry from section 5156.
GISO various sections	Walking Working Surfaces	Federal OSHA	Yes	Amend general industry standards addressing slip, trip, and fall hazards, and add requirements for personal fall protection systems.
GISO section 3657 & new 3458.2	Date Palm Operations	Petition 565	Yes	Amend title 8 to address new standards pertaining to the cultivation and harvesting of date palm fruit (access, elevating means, fall protection and rescue).
CSO sections 1716.1., 2, 1731	Residential Construction - Fall Protection	Federal OSHA	Yes	Amend title 8 residential construction industry standards to address a fall protection trigger height of 6 feet, commensurate with Federal OSHA construction industry fall protection standards.



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GISO sections 3650, 3663 & 3669	Hydrogen Powered (fuel cell) Industrial Trucks (HPIT)	Staff Initiated/ CARB Zero Emission Forklifts	Yes	Develop title 8 standards addressing HPIT design, fuel system installation, conversions, storage, disposal and dispensing of CHG, leak detection, emergency response, and employee training.
GISO sections 3420 & 3424	Guarding of Brush Chippers	Petition 549	Yes	Amend title 8 to address various safety issues and passive control technologies designed to prevent employee entanglement and contact with the point of operation.
CSO section 1635	Use of Cone and Bar Barricades	Petition 570	Yes	Amend title 8 to address the use of cone and bar barricade systems to prevent falls through the level below, provided PFAS is used. Other steel erection related issues will be explored.



OSHSB 2024 Advisory Committee Meetings

8 CCR Section or Legislation	Subject	Source	Meeting Dates & Locations	Staff Contact
Sections 3420 and 3424	Guarding of Brush Chippers	Petition 549	May 30, 2024	Michael Nelmida (916) 274-5724
Sections 5006.1 and 5006.2	Crane Operator Recertification	Petition 598	July 24, 2024	Simone Sumeshwar (916) 621-1415
Article 2	Walking-Working Surfaces	Federal OSHA	October 2024	Maryrose Chan (916) 274-5723
Sections 3401 through 3411	Fire Fighters' PPE – to consider NFPA updates	AB 2146	January 2025	Maryrose Chan (916) 274-5723



For additional information check out:

www.dir.ca.gov/oshsb/advisorycommittees.html





Cal/OSHA

2024/25 Current Projects



Cal/OSHA 2024/25 Workload



- Permanent Silica Standard to replace ETS
- First Aid Kit Contents
- Workplace Violence Prevention in General Industry
- Aerosol Transmissible Diseases for General Industry
- Naturally Occurring Asbestos
- Occupational Exposure to Antineoplastic Drugs (AB 1202)
- Surgical Plume



Cal/OSHA 2024/25 Workload

- PEL Process, various chemicals
- Passenger Tramway Safety Orders
- Tunnel Safety Orders
- Boilers and Fired / Unfired Pressure Vessel Safety Orders
- Mine Safety Orders
- Permanent Amusement Rides Safety Orders
- Elevator Safety Orders

www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/cal-osh-a-updates.html





Recently Approved Rulemakings





OSHSB Recently Approved Rulemaking Projects

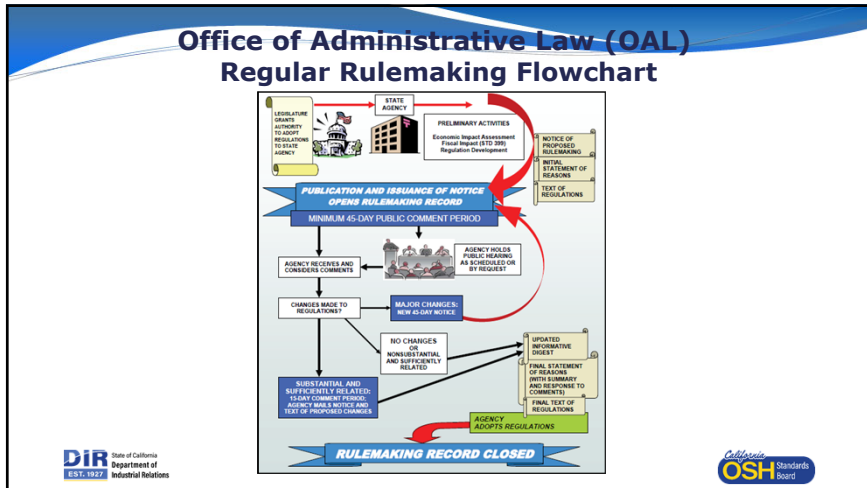
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Sections 1532.1, 5155 and 5198	Lead	Labor Code 6717.5	Revise lead standards of GISO and CSO to be consistent with scientific research and findings. Effective: January 1, 2025.
Section 5204	Occupational Exposures to Respirable Crystalline Silica (ETS)	Petition 597	Emergency Temporary Standard revision of GISO to respond to an epidemic of silicosis in the stone fabrication industry. Effective: June 27, 2024 (90-days).
New Section 3396	Heat Illness Prevention in Indoor Places of Employment	Labor Code 6720	Established standards to reduce employee exposure to dangerous levels of indoor heat at non-exempt workplaces. Effective: July 23, 2024.
Various Sections within CSO, HVESO and GISO	Cranes, Derricks and Hoisting Equipment	Staff initiated	To consolidate title 8 CSO Crane and Derrick Standards into the GISO. Effective: July 26, 2022.

OSHSB Recently Approved Rulemaking Projects

8 CCR Sections	Subject	Source	Brief Description
Sections 3205, 3205.1, 3205.2 and 3205.3	COVID-19 Prevention – Non-Emergency Regulation	Petition 583	Amend title 8 to make the COVID-19 ETS protections permanent. Effective: February 3, 2023.
Sections 3403 - 3411	Fire Fighters' Personal Protective Clothing and Equipment – AB 2146	AB 2146	In accordance with the directives set forth in AB 2146, update title 8 structural and wildland firefighter PPE consensus standards. Effective: January 1, 2023.
GISO sections 6051, 6056 & 6057	Commercial and Technical Diving Operations	Based on Fed OSHA Region IX Code Comparison with Title 8	Updates commercial diving requirements to be ALAFA federal regulations and allows reasonable protective measures in technical diving operations. Effective: October 1, 2021.
GISO section 5141.1	Protection from Wildfire Smoke Exposure	Petition 573	Permanent standard that provides employers with guidance on how and when to implement action to control employee smoke exposure. Effective: February 1, 2021.



Contact OSHSB and Cal/OSHA

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