

IN THE NEWS

OSHA rule proposed to clarify general industry Walking-Working Surfaces standard

The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is proposing updates in the handrail and stair rail system requirements for its general industry, Walking-Working Surfaces standard.

OSHA published a final rule on walking-working surfaces and personal protective equipment in November 2016 that

updated requirements for slip, trip, and fall hazards. The agency has received numerous questions asking when handrails are required and about the height requirements for handrails on stairs and stair rail systems.

This proposed rule does not reopen for discussion any of the regulatory decisions made in the 2016 rulemaking. It focuses solely on clarifying some of the requirements for handrails and stair rail systems finalized in 2016 and on providing flexibility in the transition to OSHA’s newer requirements.

Comments may be submitted at the Federal eRulemaking portal at <https://www.regulations.gov/> by July 19.

—Source: U.S. Department of Labor

INDUSTRY CALENDAR

Event details are subject to change.

12th International Conference on Concrete Pavements “Making Waves with Durable, Resilient Concrete Pavements” Online	Late summer 2021
fib International Conference on Concrete Sustainability 2021 Czech Technical University, Prague, Czech Republic	September 8–10, 2021
ACI Fall 2021 Convention Hilton Atlanta Downtown, Atlanta, Ga.	October 17–21, 2021
World of Concrete 2022 Las Vegas Convention Center, Las Vegas, Nev.	January 18–21, 2022
ACI Spring 2022 Convention Caribe Royale Orlando, Orlando, Fla.	March 27–31, 2022
Post-Tensioning Institute 2022 Convention Hilton La Jolla Torrey Pines, La Jolla, Calif.	April 24–27, 2022
2022 fib International Congress Oslo, Norway	June 12–16, 2022
ACI Fall 2022 Convention Hyatt Regency Dallas, Dallas, Tex.	October 23–27, 2022
ACI Spring 2023 Convention Hilton San Francisco Union Square, San Francisco, Calif.	April 2–6, 2023
BEI-2023 “Sustainability in Bridge Engineering” National University of Singapore, Singapore	Summer 2023
ACI Fall 2023 Convention Boston Convention Center and Westin Boston Waterfront, Boston, Mass.	October 29– November 2, 2023

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