



General Industry Fall Hazards

Hazard	Ways to protect you.....
Loading Docks	Loading docks will be protected by a guardrail system. The guardrail will have removable sections to provide access for loading vehicles but rails must remain in place when loading is not in progress.
Wall Openings	<p>All wall openings 4 feet or more above an adjacent surface will be guarded by one of the following: a rail, picket fence, half door or equivalent barrier will be placed across the wall opening. If the wall opening extends to the floor, a toe board at least four inches high shall be installed to prevent materials accidental falling from the edge.</p> <p>Every window wall opening at a stairway landing, floor, platform or balcony from which there is a drop of more than 4 feet and where the bottom of the opening is less than 3 feet above the platform or landing, shall be guarded by standard slats, standard grill work of standard railing.</p>
Dangerous Equipment or Materials	When working at any height above dangerous equipment or materials, each worker will be protected from falling into of onto dangerous equipment or materials by a guardrail system, equipment guards, safety net system or personal fall arrest system.
Skylights	Skylights are considered an opening when present on a roof. Skylight screens shall be of such construction and mounting that they are capable of withstanding a load of at least 200 pounds applied perpendicularly at any one area on the screen. They shall also be of such construction and mounting that under ordinary loads or impacts, they will not deflect downward sufficiently to break the glass below them. The construction shall be of grillwork with opening not more than 4" long or of slat work with opening not more than 2" wide with length unrestricted.
Floor Openings	An opening measuring 12" or more in its least dimension, in any floor, platform, pavement or yard, through which materials but not persons may fall; such as a belt hole, pipe opening or slot opening.
Floor Hole	<p>An opening measuring less than 12" but more than 1" in its least dimension, in any floor, platform, pavement, or yard, through which materials but not persons may fall; such as a belt hole, pipe opening or slot opening.</p> <p>All floor holes will be guarded by one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A standard railing with toe board on all exposed sides. • A covering of sufficient strength and construction to handle the heaviest load that could be placed on it (Note: While the cover is not in place, the floor hole must be constantly attended by someone or protected by a standard railing).