

General Safety & Health Provisions for Construction
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This regulation applies to all contractors and subcontractors.

General Requirement - No contractor or subcontractor shall require any employee to work in surroundings or under working conditions that are unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous to his health or safety

In order to meet this general requirement, the employer must:

- Initiate and maintain programs (written or otherwise) to comply with this general requirement.
- Provide frequent and regular inspections of the job sites by competent persons
 - *Competent person* means one who is capable of identifying existing and predictable hazards in the surroundings or working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous to employees, and who has authorization to take prompt corrective measures to eliminate them.
- Prohibit the use of any machinery, tool, material, or equipment that is not in compliance with applicable requirements
- Permit only those employees adequately trained to operate machinery or equipment.
- Provide training for all employees in
 - Recognition and avoidance of unsafe conditions
 - Workplace safety and health requirements
 - Applicable hazards, safe handling, and personal protective equipment necessary for handling poisons, caustics, flammables, and other harmful substances relevant to their job duties.
 - Specific hazards and procedures for entering confined spaces if applicable
- Provide provisions for medical care and first aid.
- Develop an effective fire protection and prevention plan
- Insure appropriate housekeeping measures including clear walkways and removal of combustible scrap and debris
- Require the wearing of appropriate personal protective equipment such as hard hats, safety glasses, steel toe shoes, or other appropriate protective equipment in all operations where there is an exposure to hazardous conditions.
- Develop an emergency action plan covering designated actions employers and employees must take to ensure employee safety from fire and other emergencies.
 - Plan must be in writing for employers with greater than 10 employees
 - All employees must be trained upon initial assignment on the parts of the plan the employee needs to know in the event of an emergency.
- Provide access to hand washing facilities, toilets, and an adequate supply of drinking water