

OSHA Announces Changes in Residential Fall Protection

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Fall Protection in Residential Construction

The United States Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has issued a directive rescinding the Interim Fall Protection Compliance Guidelines for Residential Construction (STD 03-00-001).

Before issuance of this new directive, STD 03-00-001 allowed employers engaged in certain residential construction activities to use specified alternative methods of fall protection (e.g., **slide guards or safety monitor systems**) rather than the conventional fall protection (guardrails, safety nets, or personal fall arrest systems) required by the residential construction fall protection standard (29 CFR 1926.501(b)(13)).

With the issuance of the new directive, all residential construction employers must comply with 29 CFR 1926.501(b)(13). Residential construction employers generally must ensure that employees working six feet or more above lower levels **use guardrails, safety nets, or personal fall arrest systems**

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In general, it is better to use fall prevention systems, such as guardrails, than fall protection systems, such as safety nets or fall arrest devices, because they provide more positive safety means.

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12055	Replacement Post	4	42"x5"x1"

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