

How to Read the OSHA Standards 29 CFR 1910 – General Industry

UNDER TITLE 29, CHAPTER XVII, THE OSHA REGULATIONS ARE BROKEN DOWN INTO PARTS. PART 1910, FOR EXAMPLE, IS COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE OSHA GENERAL INDUSTRY STANDARDS. PART 1926 COVERS OSHA CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS AND PARTS 1915, 1917 AND 1918 INCLUDE THE OSHA STANDARDS FOR THE MARITIME INDUSTRY.

SUBPARTS

Under each part, such as Part 1910, major blocks of information are further broken into subparts. The major subparts in 1910 standards include:

Subpart D	Walking-Working Surfaces
Subpart E	Means of Egress
Subpart F	Powered Platforms, Manlifts, and Vehicle-Mounted Work Platforms
Subpart G	Occupational Health and Environmental Control
Subpart H	Hazardous Materials
Subpart I	Personal Protective Equipment
Subpart J	General Environmental Controls
Subpart K	Medical and First Aid
Subpart L	Fire Protection
Subpart M	Compressed Gas and Compressed Air Equipment
Subpart N	Materials Handling and Storage
Subpart O	Machinery and Machine Guarding
Subpart P	Hand and Portable Powered Tools
Subpart Q	Welding, Cutting and Brazing
Subpart R	Special Industries
Subpart S	Electrical
Subpart Z	Toxic and Hazardous Substances

SECTIONS

Each Subpart is further broken down into sections. For example, Subpart D – Walking-Working Surfaces has sections 1910.21 through 1910.30.

- 1910.21 – Definitions.
- 1910.22 – General requirements.
- 1910.23 – Guarding floor and wall openings and holes.
- 1910.24 – Fixed industrial stairs.
- 1910.25 – Portable wood ladders.
- 1910.26 – Portable metal ladders.
- 1910.27 – Fixed ladders.
- 1910.28 – Safety requirements for scaffolding.
- 1910.29 – Manually propelled mobile ladder stands and scaffolds (towers).
- 1910.30 – Other working surfaces.

NOTES:

EXAMPLE: READING OSHA STANDARDS –BREAKING DOWN THE NUMBERS

STANDARD: 29 CFR 1910.110(b)(13)(ii)(b)(7)(iii)

Portable containers shall not be taken into buildings except as provided in paragraph (b)(6)(i) of this section.

NUMBERS:

TITLE	CODE OF FED. REG.	PART	SECTION	LOWER CASE ALPHA	ARABIC NUMBER	LOWER CASE ROMAN	ITALICIZED*
29	CFR	1910	.110	(b)	(13)	(ii)	(b)(7)(iii)

*FOR STANDARDS PROMULGATED PRIOR TO 1979, ITALICS ARE USED TO LIST THE FOURTH SET OF PARENTHESES. AFTER 1979, A CAPITAL/UPPER CASE LETTER IS USED IN THIS SPACE.