

**North Carolina Department of Labor
Occupational Safety & Health Division**

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Chapter 7
Subchapter 7F

CFR Revision 186

Field Information System
*Walking-Working Surfaces and Personal Protective Equipment
(Fall Protection Systems)*

Final Rule

A. Discussion:

On November 18, 2016, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) published a final rule revising and updating its general industry standards on walking-working surfaces to prevent and reduce workplace slips, trips, and falls, as well as other injuries and fatalities associated with walking-working surface hazards. The final rule includes revised and new provisions addressing, for example, fixed ladders; rope descent systems; fall protection systems and criteria, including personal fall protection systems; and training on fall hazards and fall protection systems. In addition, the final rule adds requirements on the design, performance, and use of personal fall protection systems. See 81 FR 82494 (Nov. 18, 2016) for details.

B. Action:

The N.C. Commissioner of Labor adopted this rule with an effective date of May 1, 2017. Reference the [November 18, 2016](#) *Federal Register* (Volume 81, No. 223) for the details related to these requirements.

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