**Safe Practices Manual**

**29 CFR 1910,** [**Subpart T**](https://www.osha.gov/laws-regs/regulations/standardnumber/1910#1910_Subpart_T)**—Commercial Diving Operations**

***Scope/Application:*** *This standard is required if employees are engaged commercial diving operations.*

*The following standard is referenced in 29 CFR 1910.410-420—Commercial Diving Operations standard:*

* *29 CFR 1910.1020—Access to Employee Exposure and Medical Records*

***Note:*** *29 CFR 1910.440—Recordkeeping Requirements establishes the recordkeeping guidelines for commercial diving operations and references maintaining medical and exposure records within the criteria set forth in 29 CFR 1910.1020—Access to Employee Exposure and Medical Records.*

***Standard Requirements for 29 CFR 1910.410-440—Commercial Diving Operations:***

* ***Programs/Plans:*** *Safe Practices Manual*
* ***Procedures/Practices/Controls:*** *Reporting procedures, investigation procedures, evaluation procedures, tagging or logging system (Include in your Safe Practices Manual)*
* ***Training:*** *Initially, refresher*
* ***Inspections:*** *Before dive, regularly, annually, semi-annually*
* ***Recordkeeping/Documentation:*** *Manual, inspections, emergency list, investigations*

***Note:*** *Please reference 29 CFR 1910.410—420—Commercial Diving Operations to ensure that all the standard requirements are being met.*

**29 CFR 1926,** [**Subpart Y**](https://www.osha.gov/laws-regs/regulations/standardnumber/1926#1926_Subpart_Y)**—Commercial Diving Operations**

***Scope/Application:*** *This standard is required if employees are engaged commercial diving operations.*

***Note:*** *Part 1926, Subpart Y***—***Commercial Diving Operations, 29 CFR 1926.1071—Scope and Application through 29 CFR 1926.1091—Recordkeeping refers to 29 CFR 1910, Subpart T—Commercial Diving Operations as they are identical for construction.*

***Example Manual:*** *The following example manual may be modified to be site-specific to your organization.*

**Safe Practices Manual**

The manual will be available at the dive location to each dive team member.

**Safety Procedures**

The following safety procedures will be followed for our diving operations:

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**Assignments and Responsibilities**

Each dive team member will be assigned tasks in accordance with the employee's experience or training.Limited additional tasks may be assigned to an employee undergoing training provided that these tasks are performed under the direct supervision of an experienced dive team member.

**Primary Diver***—*A qualified diver performing initial underwater activities relating to the dive request.

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**Dive Team Leader***—*An appropriately qualified diver will be designated by the dive team as the dive team leader for each dive or series of dives. The dive team leader should be responsible for the diving operation. Level of experience and training in dealing with the task at hand will supersede rank/classification in selecting a dive team leader. The dive team leader should be at the dive location during the diving operation.

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**Standby Diver***—*An appropriately qualified diver, who is part of the dive team, should have the level of experience and training in dealing with the task at hand. The standby diver should be fully dressed and ready to assist the primary diver.

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**Tender***—*A surface support person responsible for handling a single diver’s umbilical and for maintaining voice and/or standard line signal communications will be part of the dive team.

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**Emergency Procedures**

The following emergency and first aid equipment will be provided, maintained and readily available at the physical dive area:

* A first aid kit appropriate for the diving operation;
* An emergency oxygen cylinder; and
* A stokes litter or backboard, with attached flotation device.

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The following are emergency procedures for fire:

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The following are emergency procedures for equipment failure:

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The following are emergency procedures for adverse environmental conditions:

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The following are emergency procedures for medical illness and injury:

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**Equipment Procedures**

The following equipment procedures will be followed:

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**Equipment Checklists**

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**Free Outreach Resources:**

[*Safety and Health Programs and Plans*](https://www.labor.nc.gov/safety-and-health/publications/example-programs) *(i.e., Example Programs to be Made Site-Specific)*

[*A - Z Safety and Health Topics*](https://www.labor.nc.gov/safety-and-health/occupational-safety-and-health/occupational-safety-and-health-topic-pages) *(i.e., Learn More About Safety and Health Topics)*

[*Which Standards Apply?*](https://www.labor.nc.gov/which-osha-standards-apply) *(Identify the Standards Applicable to Your Worksite)*

[*Safety and Health Presentations*](https://www.labor.nc.gov/document-collection/osh-presentations) *(Downloadable Presentations to be Made Site-Specific)*

[*OSH Training Calendar*](https://www.labor.communications.its.state.nc.us/OSHPublic/ETTA/class_regist/calendar.cfm) *(i.e., Register for Webinars, In-Person Classroom Training, Virtual Events)*

[*Streaming Video Services*](https://www.labor.nc.gov/safety-and-health/library/how-borrow-dvds-and-videos#are-your-videos-online) *(On-Demand Training)*

[*Request Outreach Services*](https://www.labor.communications.its.state.nc.us/OSHPublic/ETTA/Outreach/Outreach_Request_Form.html) *(i.e., Request Training, Booths, Guest Speaker)*

[*AskOSH*](https://www.labor.nc.gov/safety-and-health/occupational-safety-and-health/ask-osh) *(Interpretations)*