

## OSHA Standard 1910.28 *Walking — Working Surfaces Low Slope Roofs*

**OSHA safety standards require building owners to ensure fall protection for all who go on their roofs.**

Last year, OSHA “issued a final rule on Walking-Working Surfaces and Personal Fall Protection Systems to better protect workers.” Most of these updated rules became effective January 17, 2017. Section 1910.28(a) “requires employers to provide protection for each employee exposed to fall and falling object hazards.” And as of May 2017, owners are required to train exposed workers on fall hazards and related equipment.

### ROOF DANGER ZONES

For any surface with an unprotected edge that is 4 feet or more above a lower level, owners need to protect employees with one of the following: *guardrail systems, safety net systems, personal fall protection systems, or a 42"-high parapet.*

#### ZONE

1

#### Extremely High Danger Level

This covers anything within 6 feet from the edge of the roof

#### ZONE

2

#### Very High Danger Level

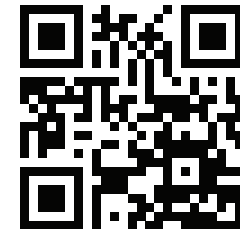
Areas between 6 and 15 feet from the roof edge

#### ZONE

3

#### High Danger Level

Workers are best advised to stay within the area 15 or more feet from the roof's edge



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