

TOOL TYPE **GLOSSARY**

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FLOOR/WALL HOLES/OPENINGS GLOSSARY

PROBLEM: As with other OSHA standards, one of the tricky parts of complying with the Walking Working Surfaces Standard is the fact that many of the technical terms used in the standard have special meanings that don't necessarily correspond with your own understanding of what the term means.

HOW TOOL HELPS SOLVE THE PROBLEM: Here's a Glossary listing OSHA's definitions of the key terms in the Walking Working Surfaces Standard dealing with guarding floor and wall holes and openings.

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FLOOR & WALL OPENING GUARDING GLOSSARY

Terms that have special meanings used in the OSHA Standard

"Floor hole." An opening measuring less than 12 inches but more than 1 inch in its least dimension, in any floor, platform, pavement, or yard, through which materials but not persons may fall; such as a belt hole, pipe opening, or slot opening.

"Floor opening." An opening measuring 12 inches or more in its least dimension, in any floor, platform, pavement, or yard through which persons may fall; such as a hatchway, stair or ladder opening, pit, or large manhole. Floor openings occupied by elevators, dumb waiters, conveyors, machinery, or containers are excluded from this subpart.

"Handrail." A single bar or pipe supported on brackets from a wall or partition, as on a stairway or ramp, to furnish persons with a handhold in case of tripping.

"Platform." A working space for persons, elevated above the surrounding floor or ground; such as a balcony or platform for the operation of machinery and equipment.

"Runway." A passageway for persons, elevated above the surrounding floor or ground level, such as a footwalk along shafting or a walkway between buildings.

"Standard railing." A vertical barrier erected along exposed edges of a floor opening, wall opening, ramp, platform, or runway to prevent falls of persons.

"Standard strength and construction." Any construction of railings, covers, or other guards that meets the requirements of 1910.23 of the OSHA standard.

"Stair railing." A vertical barrier erected along exposed sides of a stairway to prevent falls of persons.

"Toeboard." A vertical barrier at floor level erected along exposed edges of a floor opening, wall opening, platform, runway, or ramp to prevent falls of materials.

"Wall hole." An opening less than 30 inches but more than 1 inch high, of unrestricted width, in any wall or partition; such as a ventilation hole or drainage scupper.

"Wall opening." An opening at least 30 inches high and 18 inches wide, in any wall or partition, through which persons may fall; such as a yard-arm doorway or chute opening.

