

VOSH PROGRAM DIRECTIVE: 12-337

ISSUED: 01 March 2018

SUBJECT: Overhead and Gantry Cranes; Amendments

Purpose This Directive transmits to field personnel amendments to §1910.179, Overhead and Gantry Cranes, which resulted from the adoption of the Final Rule on Walking-Working Surfaces (81 FR 82494, 18 November 2017).

This Program Directive is an internal guideline, not a statutory or regulatory rule, and is intended to provide instructions to VOSH personnel regarding internal operation of the Virginia Occupational Safety and Health Program and is solely for the benefit of the program. This document is not subject to the Virginia Register Act or the Administrative Process Act; it does not have general application and is not being enforced as having the force of law.

Scope This directive applies to all VOSH personnel, and especially to Occupational Safety Compliance personnel.

References 81 FR 82494 (18 November 2017)

Cancellation Not Applicable

Effective Dates May 15, 2017

Action Directors and Managers shall ensure that field personnel understand and comply with the standards included in this directive.

Expiration Date Not Applicable.

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I. Background.

On November 18, 2016, federal OSHA published its new Final Rule on Walking-Working Surfaces (81 FR 82494), which also impacted §1910.179, Overhead and Gantry Cranes.

On February 16, 2017, the Safety and Health Codes Board adopted the new Final Rule on Walking-Working Surfaces and its resulting amendments to §1910.179, with an effective date of May 15, 2017.

II. Summary

In addition to promulgating the new standard on Walking-Working Surfaces, federal OSHA amended §1910.178(j), Dockboards (bridge plates), by requiring compliance with Subpart D of Part 1910-Walking-Working Surfaces when dealing with dockboards (bridge plates).

To access the Final Rule on Walking-Working Surfaces and Personal Protective Equipment (Fall Protection Systems) and the Amendments to §1910.179, please click on the link below:

https://www.osha.gov/FedReg_osha_pdf/FED20161118.pdf

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As Adopted by the
Safety and Health Codes Board

Date: 16 February 2017



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16VAC25-90-1910.179, Overhead and Gantry Cranes, §1910.179

When the regulations, as set forth in the Amendments to §1910.179, Overhead and Gantry Cranes, are applied to the Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Industry and/or to Virginia employers, the following federal terms shall be considered to read as below:

Federal Terms

VOSH Equivalent

29 CFR

VOSH Standard

Assistant Secretary

Commissioner of Labor and Industry

Agency

Department

January 17, 2017

May 15, 2017

■ 15. In § 1910.179, revise paragraphs (c)(2), (d)(3), and (d)(4)(iii) to read as follows:

§ 1910.179 Overhead and gantry cranes.

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(c) * * *

(2) *Access to crane.* Access to the car and/or bridge walkway shall be by a conveniently placed fixed ladder, stairs, or platform requiring no step over any gap exceeding 12 inches (30 cm). Fixed ladders must comply with subpart D of this part.

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(d) * * *

(3) *Toeboards and handrails for footwalks.* Toeboards and handrails must comply with subpart D of this part.

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(iii) Ladders shall be permanently and securely fastened in place and constructed in compliance with subpart D of this part.

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Subpart N—[Amended]

