

VOSH PROGRAM DIRECTIVE: 12-265**ISSUED: 01 April 2018**

<u>Subject</u>	Sawmills, §1910.265; Amendments
<u>Purpose</u>	This directive transmits to field personnel amendments to the Sawmills standard, which resulted from the adoption of the Final Rule on Walking-Working Surfaces (81 FR 82494, 18 November 2016). <i>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.</i>
<u>Scope</u>	This Directive applies VOSH-wide.
<u>Reference</u>	81 FR 82494, 18 November 2016
<u>Cancellation</u>	Not Applicable
<u>Effective Date</u>	01 April 2018
<u>Expiration Date</u>	Not Applicable
<u>Action</u>	Directors and Managers shall ensure that field personnel understand and comply with the policies and procedures established in this Directive and that they are uniformly administered.

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Commissioner

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When the guidelines, as set forth in this Program Directive, are applied to the Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Industry and/or to Virginia employers, the following federal terms if, and where they are used, shall be considered to read as below:

<u>Federal Terms</u>	<u>VOSH Equivalent</u>
OSHA	VOSH
Federal Agency	State Agency
Agency	Department
Regional Administrator	Assistant Commissioner
Area Director	Regional Director VOSH Program Director
Regional Solicitor	Attorney General or VOSH Division of Legal Support (DLS)
Office of Statistics	VOSH Research and Analysis
29 CFR	VOSH Standard
Compliance Safety and Health Officer (CSHO)	CSHO

I. Background

On November 18, 2016, federal OSHA published its new Final Rule on Walking-Working Surfaces (81 FR 82494), which also impacted §1910.265, Sawmills, in Subpart R – Special Industries.

On February 16, 2017, the Safety and Health Codes Board adopted the new Final Rule on Walking-Working Surfaces and its resulting amendment to §1910.265, Sawmills, with an effective date of May 15, 2017.

II. Summary

In addition to promulgating the new standard on Walking-Working Surfaces, federal OSHA amended §1910.265, Sawmills, by revising paragraphs (c)(4)(v), (c)(5)(i), and (f)(6) to reference Subpart D, Walking-Working Surfaces, §§1910.21 through 1910.30, to ensure that employers comply with all of the applicable general industry ladder requirements.

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

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

SAWMILLS; Amendments

As Adopted by the
Safety and Health Codes Board

Date: 16 February 2017



VIRGINIA OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH PROGRAM

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY

Effective Date: 15 May 2017

16VAC25-1910.265, Sawmills

When the regulations, as set forth in the amendments to the standard on Sawmills, §1910.265, 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
17 January 2017	15 February 2017

■ 19. In § 1910.265, revise paragraphs (c)(4)(v), (c)(5)(i), and (f)(6) to read as follows:

§ 1910.265 Sawmills.

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(v) *Elevated platforms.* Where elevated platforms are used routinely on a daily basis, they shall be equipped with stairways or fixed ladders that comply with subpart D of this part.

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(i) *Construction.* Stairways shall be constructed in accordance with subpart D of this part.

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(f) * * *

(6) *Ladders.* A fixed ladder complying with the requirements of subpart D of this part, or other adequate means, shall be provided to permit access to the roof. Where controls and machinery are mounted on the roof, a permanent stairway with standard handrail shall be installed in accordance with the requirements in subpart D.