

How to Read the OSHA Standards 29 CFR 1926 – Construction

UNDER TITLE 29, CHAPTER XVII, THE OSHA REGULATIONS ARE BROKEN DOWN INTO PARTS. PART 1926, FOR EXAMPLE, IS COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE OSHA CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS. PART 1910 COVERS OSHA GENERAL INDUSTRY STANDARDS AND PARTS 1915, 1917 AND 1918 INCLUDE THE OSHA STANDARDS FOR THE MARITIME INDUSTRY.

SUBPARTS

UNDER EACH PART, SUCH AS PART 1926, MAJOR BLOCKS OF INFORMATION ARE FURTHER BROKEN INTO SUBPARTS. THE MAJOR SUBPARTS IN 1926 STANDARDS INCLUDE:

Subpart C	General Safety and Health Provisions
Subpart D	Occupational Health and Environmental Controls
Subpart E	Personal Protective and Life Saving Equipment
Subpart F	Fire Protection and Prevention
Subpart G	Signs, Signals and Barricades
Subpart H	Materials Handling, Storage, Use, and Disposal
Subpart I	Tools – Hand and Power
Subpart J	Welding and Cutting
Subpart K	Electrical
Subpart L	Scaffolds
Subpart M	Fall Protection
Subpart N	Cranes, Derricks, Hoists, Elevators, and Conveyors
Subpart O	Motor Vehicles, Mechanized Equipment, and Marine Operations
Subpart P	Excavations
Subpart Q	Concrete and Masonry Construction
Subpart R	Steel Erection
Subpart S	Underground Construction, Caissons, Cofferdams, and Compressed Air
Subpart T	Demolition
Subpart U	Blasting and the Use of Explosives
Subpart V	Power Transmission and Distribution
Subpart W	Rollover Protective Structures; Overhead Protection
Subpart X	Ladders
Subpart Y	Commercial Diving
Subpart Z	Toxic and Hazardous Substances

SECTIONS

EACH SUBPART IS FURTHER BROKEN DOWN INTO SECTIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, SUBPART C – GENERAL SAFETY AND HEALTH PROVISIONS, HAS SECTIONS 1926.20 THROUGH 1926.35.

- 1926.20 – General safety and health provisions.
- 1926.21 – Safety training and education.
- 1926.22 – Recording and reporting of injuries.
- 1926.23 – First aid and medical attention.
- 1926.24 – Fire protection and prevention.
- 1926.25 – Housekeeping.
- 1926.26 – Illumination.
- 1926.27 – Sanitation.
- 1926.28 – Personal protective equipment.
- 1926.29 – Acceptable certifications.
- 1926.30 – Shipbuilding and ship repairing
- 1926.31 – Incorporation by reference.
- 1926.32 – Definitions.
- 1926.33 – Access to employee exposure and medical records.
- 1926.34 – Means of egress.
- 1926.35 – Employee emergency action plans.

NOTES:

EXAMPLE: READING OSHA STANDARD NUMBERS

STANDARD: 29 CFR 1926.152(i)(1)(i)(C)
Tanks built of materials other than steel shall be designed to specifications embodying principles recognized as good engineering design for the material used.

BREAKING DOWN THE NUMBER:

TITLE	CODE OF FED. REG.	PART	SECTION	LOWER CASE ALPHA	ARABIC NUMBER	LOWER CASE ROMAN	CAPITAL/UPPER CASE ALPHA *
29	CFR	1926	.152	(i)	(1)	(i)	(C)

*FOR STANDARDS PROMULGATED AFTER 1979, A CAPITAL/UPPER CASE LETTER IS USED IN THE FOURTH SET OF PARENTHESES. PRIOR TO 1979, THE FOURTH SET OF PARENTESES ARE ITALICIZED.