

**NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH  
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA**

Chapter 7  
Subchapter 7F  
NC-OSH

CFR Revision 131A

**Field Information System Part I  
Subpart M; Fall Protection in Construction  
Locking Snaphooks  
OSHNC-Specific Amendment**

**DISCUSSION:**

On August 9, 1994, Federal OSHA promulgated the new occupational safety and health standard for Fall Protection in Construction at Subpart M of 29 CFR 1926. The new standard became effective February 6, 1995. The Division of Occupational Safety and Health adopted this standard verbatim with the same February 6, 1995, effective date.

To further protect workers, OSHNC chose to move a required date for the use of locking snaphooks as part of personal fall arrest systems and positioning device systems from the federal date of January 1, 1998 to July 1, 1995. Rulemaking is now complete for this change. Therefore, locking snaphooks must be used in the Construction industry effective July 1, 1995. The references to and requirements for snaphooks are found at 29 CFR 1926.500(b) [definition for *Snaphook*], 1926.502(d)(5), 1926.502(e)(7) and in Appendix C, Part II(j)(1). All such references now require the use of locking snaphooks in North Carolina.

**ACTION:**

This final state-specific amendment at 29 CFR 1926, Subpart M, was approved by the Administrative Rules Review Commission and becomes effective on July 1, 1995. A copy of the text from the NC Administrative Code at 13 NCAC 07F.0201 is attached.

Please file this NC CFR Revision in Part CFR 11 of your Field Information System.

Date: 6/27/1995

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Interim Order 131A  
OSHNC

**Field Information System Part I  
Subpart M; Fall Protection in Construction  
Elimination of Application to Steel Erection Activities  
Locking Snapooks  
OSHNC-Specific Amendment**

**INTERIM ORDER:**

As a result of feasibility considerations, the use of nonlocking hooks on the personal positioning device when working on Symons vertical, modular, concrete wall forms will continue to be allowed through December 31, 1995, as long as fall protection lanyards equipped with locking snapooks are used in conjunction with the personal positioning device.

**DISCUSSION:**

OSHNC CFR Revision 131A requires the use of locking snapooks as part of personal fall arrest systems and positioning devices, effective July 11 1995. OSHNC has subsequently learned that the locking snapooks are too thick for use on the positioning device and an vertical, modular, concrete wall forms manufactured by Symons Corporation. For now, concrete formwork employees must continue to use a positioning device which has a non-locking hook without a keeper. A suitable locking snapook has been engineered, developed and tested, but will not be available to North Carolina contractors until September 1995.

**ACTION:**

This interim order is effective immediately, and shall be rescinded after December 31, 1995. Effective January 1. 1996, locking snapooks shall be used as part of all personal positioning devices in North Carolina. CFR Revision 131A remains in effect for the duration.

Please file this document in front of CFR Revision 13LA in Part CFR 11 of your Field Information System. Remove and destroy this document on January 1. 1996.

Date: 8/8/1995

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13 NCAC 07F.0201 is amended as follows:

**.0200 - CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS**

**.0201 CONSTRUCTION**

- a. The provisions for the Occupational Safety and Health Standards for Construction, Title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 1926, are incorporated by reference except as follows:
  1. Subpart C -- General Safety and Health Provisions -- Personal protective equipment, § 1926.28(a) is amended to read as follows: "(a) The employer is responsible for requiring the wearing of appropriate personal protective equipment in all operations where there is an exposure to hazardous conditions or where this part indicates the need for using such equipment to reduce the hazards to the employees."
  2. Subpart D -- Occupational Health and Environmental Controls -- incorporation by reference of modified final rule for 29 CFR 1926.59, Hazard Communication, including Appendices A through E, published in 59 FR (February 9, 1994) pages 6170 - 6184 except that 1926.59(b)(6)(ii) is amended to read:  
"(ii) Any hazardous substance as such term is defined by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) (42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*), when regulated as a hazardous waste under that Act by the Environmental Protection Agency;"
- b. The parts of the Code of Federal Regulations incorporated by reference in this Subchapter shall not automatically include any subsequent amendments thereto, except as follows:
  1. Incorporation of existing General Industry Standards (Part 1910) applicable to construction work into the Safety & Health Regulations for Construction (Part 1926). Final rule as published in 58 FR (June 30, 1993) pages 35076 - 35311 and effective on December 1, 1993; correction to Appendix D to §1926.1147 as published in 58 FR (July 28, 1993) page 40468 and effective on December 31, 1993. The General Industry Standards which are applicable to the Construction Standards are as follows:

Subpart C -- General Safety and Health Provisions,  
1926.33 Access to employee exposure and medical records.  
1926.34 Means of egress.  
1926.35 Employee emergency action plans.

Subpart D -- Occupational Health and Environmental Control,  
1926.64 Process safety management of highly hazardous chemicals.

1926.65 Hazardous waste operations and emergency response.  
1926.66 Criteria for design and construction for spray booths.

Subpart E -- Personal Protective Equipment and Life Saving Equipment,

1926-95 Criteria for personal protective equipment.

1926.96 Occupational foot protection.

1926.97 Protective clothing for fire brigades.

1926.98 Respiratory protection for fire brigades.

Subpart F -- Fire Protection and Prevention,

Fixed Fire Suppression Equipment

1926.156 Fire extinguishing systems, general.

1926.157 Fire extinguishing systems, gaseous agent.

Other Fire Protection Systems

1926.158 Fire detection systems.

1926.159 Employee alarm systems.

Subpart I -- Tools - Hand and Power,

1926.306 Air receivers.

1926.307 Mechanical power-transmission apparatus.

Subpart L -- Scaffolding,

1926.453 Manually propelled mobile ladder stands and scaffolds (towers).

Subpart Y -- Commercial Diving Operations,

*General*

1926.1071 Scope and application.

1926.1072 Definitions.

*Personnel Requirements*

1926.1076 Qualifications of dive team.

*General Operations Procedures*

1926.1080 Safe practices manual.

1926.1081 Pre-dive procedures.

1926.1082 Procedures during dive.

1926.1083 Post-dive procedures

*Specific Operations Procedures*

1926.1084 SCUBA diving

- 1926.1085 Surface-supplied air diving
- 1926.1086 Mixed-gas diving.
- 1926.1087 Liveboating.
- Equipment Procedures and Requirements*
- 1926.1090 Equipment.
- Recordkeeping*
- 1926.1091 Recordkeeping requirements.
- 1926.1092 Effective date.

*Appendix A to Subpart Y -- Examples of Conditions Which May Restrict or Limit Exposure to Hyperbaric Conditions.*

*Appendix B to Subpart Y -- Guidelines for Scientific Diving.*

- Subpart Z Toxic and Hazardous Substances
- 1926.1100-1926. 1101 [Reserved].
- 1926.1102 Coal tar pitch volatiles; interpretation of term.
- 1926.1103 4-Nitrobiphenyl.
- 1926.1104 alpha-Naphthylamine.
- 1926.1105 [Reserved].
- 1926.1106 Methyl chloromethyl ether.
- 1926.1107 3,3'-Dichlorobenzidine (and its salts].
- 1926.1108 bis-Chloromethyl ether.
- 1926. 1109 beta-Naphthylamine.
- 1926.1110 Benzidine.
- 1926.1111 4-Aminodiphenyl.
- 1926.1112 Ethyleneimine.
- 1926.1113 beta-Propiolactone.
- 1926.1114 2-Acetylaminofluorene.
- 1926.1115 4-Dimethylaminoazobenzene.
- 1926.1116 N-Nitrosodimethylamine.
- 1926.1117 Vinyl chloride.
- 1926.1118 Inorganic arsenic.
- 1926.1128 Benzene.
- 1926.1129 Coke emissions.
- 1926.1144 1,2-dibromo-3-chloropropane.
- 1926.1145 Acrylonitrile.
- 1926.1147 Ethylene oxide.
- 1926.1148 Formaldehyde.

*Appendix A to Part 1926. Designations for General Industry Standards Incorporated Into Body of Construction Standards.*

2. Subpart D -- Occupational Health and Environmental Controls:
  - A. Revision of Authority Citation for Subpart D of Part 1926 published in 59 FR (July 19, 1994) pages 36699 - 36700 and effective on November 1, 1994.
  - B. Addition of 1926.61 "Retention of DOT markings, placards, and labels," published in 59 FR (July 19, 1994) pages 36699 - 36700 and effective on November 1, 1994.
  - C. 29 CFR 1926.62, Lead in Construction. Interim final rule and appendices A through D as published in 59 FR (May 4, 1993) pages 26627-26649 and effective on October 4, 1993.
  - D. Typographical and technical corrections at 1926.63, Cadmium, published in 58 FR (April 23, 1993) pages 21778 - 21780 and 21787 and effective on September 24, 1993; corrections are to final rule for Occupational Exposure to Cadmium as originally published in 57 FR 42101 (September 14, 1992).
  - E. Technical amendments to the existing Appendix B and addition of non-mandatory Appendix E to 1926.65, Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response as published in 59 FR (August 22, 1994) pages 43270 - 43280 and effective on November 1, 1994.
3. Subpart E -- Personal Protective and Life Saving Equipment -- revision of Authority Citation for Subpart E of Part 1926; removal of 1926.104, Safety belts, lifelines, and lanyards; redesignation of 1926.105(a) as 1926.753, Safety Nets in Subpart R; removal and reservation of 1926.105; and removal of paragraphs (b), (c) and (f) of 1926.107, as published in 59 FR (August 9, 1994) page 40729 and effective on February 6, 1995.
4. Subpart H -- Materials Handling, Storage, Use and Disposal -- revision of Authority Citation for Subpart H of Part 1926, and revision of 1926.250(b)(2) as published in 59 FR (August 9, 1994) pages 40729 - 40730 and effective on February 6, 1995.
5. Subpart M -- Fall Protection -- revision of Authority Citation for Subpart M of Part 1926 and replacement of Subpart M with 1926.500, 1926.501, 1926.502, 1926.503 and non-mandatory Appendices A through E as published in 59 FR (August 9, 1994) pages 40730 - 40753 and effective on February 6, 1995, with the requirement for the use of locking snaphooks under 29 CFR 1926.500(b) [definition for *Snaphook*], 1926.502(d)(5), 1926.502(e)(7) and Appendix C, Part II(j)(1) having an effective date of July 1, 1995.
6. Subpart N -- Cranes, Derricks, Hoists, Elevators, and Conveyors -- revision of Authority Citation for Subpart N of Part 1926, and revision

of 1926.550(c)(2) and 1926.550(g)(4)(i)(C) as published in 59 FR (August 9, 1994) page 40730 and effective on February 6, 1995.

7. Subpart P -- Excavations -- revision of Authority Citation for Subpart P of Part 1926, revision of section heading of 1926.651, Specific excavation requirements, and revision of 1926.6510) as published in 59 FR (August 9, 1994) page 40730 and effective on February 6, 1995.
8. Subpart Q -- Concrete and Masonry -- revision of Authority Citation for Subpart Q of Part 1926, removal of 1926.701(f)(2) and removal of subparagraph designation (1) of 1926.701(f) as published in 59 FR (August 9, 1994) page 40730 and effective on February 6, 1995.
9. Subpart R -- Steel Erection -- revision of Authority Citation for Subpart R of Part 1926 as published in 59 FR (August 9, 1994) page 40730 and effective on February 6, 1995.
10. Subpart V -- Power Transmission and Distribution -- revision of Authority Citation for Subpart V of Part 1926, and revision of 1926.951(b)(4)(i) as published in 59 FR (August 9, 1994) page 40730 and effective on February 6, 1995.
11. Subpart Z -- Toxic and Hazardous Substances -- correction to 29 CFR 1926 by adding text and redesignation for *Cadmium* as published in 59 FR (January 3, 1994) page 215 and effective on April 15, 1994.

c. Copies of the applicable Code of Federal Regulations sections referred to in this Subchapter are available for public inspection at the North Carolina Department of Labor, Division of Occupational Safety and Health. A single copy may be obtained from the Division at a cost of ten dollars and sixty cents (\$10.60) (inclusive of tax); each additional copy will be the same price.

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- *Eff. August 2, 1993;*
- *Amended Eff. February 6, 1995; November 1, 1994; August 1, 1994; June 1, 1994; April 15, 1994*