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KYOSH PROGRAM INSTRUCTION 01-2002

REFERENCED STANDARD

29 CFR 1926.760 as adopted and amended by 803 KAR 2:417E

SUBJECT

Fall Protection for Connectors Performing Steel Erection

PURPOSE

Requirements for Connectors Performing Steel Erection

INSTRUCTION

The Kentucky Occupational Safety and Health Program will maintain the policy established in 1980 regarding fall protection for connectors performing steel erection connection work. The policy is being updated and restated to reflect changes in the Construction Industry standards and the recent revision of Subpart R, Steel Erection.

It is recognized that there are isolated instances when a safety harness and lanyard would not provide the intended protection for a steel connector in an area where the tie-off would restrict his/her movement during the placement of a moving steel beam. Therefore, an exception will be permitted whereby the steel connector may unhook his/her safety harness during the actual connection operation. However, he/she will be required to reconnect as soon as the operation is concluded. In addition, this exception will be permitted only when other safety devices, are provided and are in use.

This exception applies to steel connectors only.

This exception is to be narrowly applied to steel connectors only while a connection is actually being performed involving hoisting equipment and a moving steel beam. This exception does not apply to any connector at heights thirty (30) feet or more above a lower level.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This instruction is effective immediately and will remain in effect until canceled or superseded. This directive supersedes all prior steel erection Standards Interpretation Directives. This instruction will continue to apply after expiration of 803 KAR 2:417E and adoption of 803 KAR 2:417.

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