



# SAFETY NEWS BULLETIN

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If your company operates in California and includes residential framing or roofing, or wood framing in commercial construction, your safety program should be updated.

To receive fall protection updates for your safety program, contact our office at 951-682-1572, email: [sccoffice@safetycompliance.com](mailto:sccoffice@safetycompliance.com), or reach out to your representative directly to provide the contact name, phone number, email address and current work activities.

## Cal/OSHA Changes to Residential Fall Protection

Effective July 1, 2025

### **Residential-Type Framing: CCR, T8, §1716.2**

#### **Changing to 6 Feet from 15 feet when Fall Protection is required**

**Scope and Application:** This section applies to work directly associated with the framing of new buildings or structures using the operations, methods, and procedures associated with residential-type and light commercial framing activities, i.e., joists or trusses resting on stud walls.

**Definitions:** Residential-type Framing Activities. For the purposes of this section, residential-type framing activities include:

- installation of floor joists
- floor sheathing
- layout and installation of walls
- hanging and nailing of shear panels
- setting and bracing roof trusses and rafters
- installation of starter board
- roof sheathing, and fascia board
- installation of windows, siding, and exterior trim

The limited use of structural steel in a predominantly wood-framed home, such as steel I-beam to help support wood framing, does not disqualify a structure from being considered residential-type construction.

Residential-type framing activities include framing of commercial structures that use traditional wood frame construction materials and methods.

## **Residential-Type Roofing: CCR, T8, §1723 – 1731**

### **Changing to 6 Feet from 15-20 feet when Fall Protection is required**

**Scope and Application:** This section shall apply only to residential-type roofing activities

**Definitions:** Residential-type roofing activities include:

- Work consists of roofing and re-roofing work
  - Roof removal performed on single-family homes, townhouses, duplexes and other structures covered by Section 1716.2.
  - Loading and installation of roofing materials, including related insulation, sheet metal that is integral to the roofing system.
  - Vapor barrier work.
- For the purposes of this section, the employee's fall height measurement shall be determined by measuring the vertical distance from the employee's walking/working surface to the ground or level below. The height of parapets shall not be included in the roof height measurement.
- Roof slopes 0:12 up to and including 7:12 - Employees shall be protected from falling when on a roof surface where the employee's fall distance is 6 feet or more above the grade or level below.
- Roof slopes greater than 7:12 - Employees shall be protected from falling regardless of height.

## **Fall Protection Plan: CCR, T8, §1671.1**

**Scope and Application:** This section applies to all construction operations when it can be shown by the employer that the use of conventional fall protection is infeasible or creates a greater hazard.

NOTE: There is a presumption that conventional fall protection is feasible and will not create a greater hazard. Accordingly, the employer has the burden of establishing that conventional fall protection is infeasible or creates a greater hazard.

- The fall protection plan shall be prepared by a qualified person and developed specifically for the site where the construction work is being performed and the plan must be maintained up to date. The plan shall document the identity of the qualified person.

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