

Railings Policy

The purpose of this policy is to proper installation and safe construction of railings in the workplace and to ensure compliance with NH Administrative Rules Department of Labor standards. This policy shall not apply to scaffoldings or stairway railings.

Responsibilities

The District shall:

1. Ensure that railings are in place and maintained per the specific requirements listed in the procedural overview of this policy.

The Employee shall:

1. Report any damaged or defective rails immediately and take the necessary steps to warn or protect the hazard or defect until repairs are made.

Procedural Overview

- Railing Guidelines-

1. Railings shall be 42 inches in vertical height and shall consist of a top rail, and an intermediate (mid) rail.
2. Railings over walkways or areas where persons could pass beneath shall be equipped with a toe board of 4 inches in height.
3. Railings shall be constructed to withstand a load of at least 200 pounds in any vertical or horizontal direction.

Legal References:

N.H. Code of Administrative Rules, Section Lab 1403.45 Railings

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