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Your monthly briefing on Cal/OSHA updates, field-tested training, and the safety culture that protects California's workforce.

– COMPLIANCE BRIEFING

01 OSHA REGULATORY & COMPLIANCE UPDATES

HEAT SEASON

Heat enforcement stays active. OSHA's revised National Emphasis Program lets compliance officers conduct random inspections in high-risk industries any day the

National Weather Service issues a heat advisory — now covering 22 additional industries.

RULEMAKING

Deregulatory hearings begin August 19. OSHA opens virtual public hearings on proposed changes to Walking-Working Surfaces and how the General Duty Clause applies to inherently risky work — worth watching if it affects your industry.

DOCUMENTATION

Recordkeeping deadlines are closing in. September 2 marks the six-month window for OSHA to cite employers who didn't submit CY2025 injury and illness data through the Injury Tracking Application — check your submission status now.

EXPOSURE CONTROLS

HazCom updates are coming due. The November 20 deadline for updating written HazCom programs, labels, and training to GHS Revision 7 is approaching — September is the time to start closing that gap.

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02 IN THE FIELD

Inside this last month's events:
Industry leaders sharing real-world
insights, nationwide safety
initiatives, and moments that
honor the workforce.

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03 FALL PROTECTION: THE FATAL FOUR'S MOST PREVENTABLE MEMBER



A roofline, an open floor edge, a ladder six feet off the ground — none of it looks dangerous until someone loses their footing. Falls remain one of OSHA's "Fatal Four," and most fall fatalities trace back to a step that was skipped.

Fall protection is required any time work happens at height with no barrier between a worker and a fall generally 6 feet in construction, 4 feet in general industry.

A few essentials keep workers upright:

- Know your trigger height. If the standard says 6 feet, protection starts at 6 feet.
- Inspect gear before every use. A harness or lanyard with fraying, cuts, or UV damage gets pulled from service immediately.
- Anchor points carry the load. An under-rated or poorly positioned anchor point can fail even when everything else is done right.
- Plan the rescue, not just the prevention. Know how

a worker gets down before anyone goes up.

Bottom Line:

Falls are preventable, not inevitable. Know your trigger height, inspect the gear, anchor it right, and have a rescue plan before anyone works at height.



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