

Railing Policy

The purpose of the Railing Policy is to ensure proper installation and safe construction of railings in the workplace, to ensure compliance with New Hampshire Department of Labor Standard 1403.45, Railings.

A. Employers Responsibilities

The employer must ensure that railings are in place and maintained per the specific requirements listed in section C of this policy.

B. Employees Responsibilities

The employee is responsible for reporting any damaged or defective rails immediately, and shall take the necessary steps to warn or protect the hazard or defect until repairs are made.

C. Procedural Overview

A standard railing shall consist of a top rail, an intermediate (mid) rail, and posts. It shall have a vertical height of 42 inches from upper surface of top rail to floor, or platform. A standard rail has a railing for open-sided floors and platforms. Runways shall have a toeboard, which is a vertical barrier at floor level erected along exposed edges of a floor opening, wall opening, platform, runway, or ramp to prevent falls of materials whenever persons can pass beneath the open side, or where there is equipment with which falling materials could cause a hazard. Railings shall be constructed so that the complete structure shall be capable of withstanding a load of at least 200 pounds in the vertical or horizontal direction. This section shall not apply to scaffolding and stairway railings.

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