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**OSH Program Directive Number 75-1926.603-1**

**Subject:** Tying-Off of Loft-Workers, Top-Men and Pile-Monks as Related to Pile Driving Operations.

**Standard:** Article VII, Section 1926.603 (a) (8), Rules and Regulations, Commissioner of Labor, State of South Carolina.

**Cross Reference to Federal Standards:** 29 CFR 1926.603 (a) (8).

**Background:** This program directive clarifies the application of the above referred standard.

**Interpretation:** Article VII, Section 1926.603 (a) (8) applies only to the tying off of employees working on fixed leads, and not to employees working on top of steel sheet piling. However, the loft-worker, top-man, and/or pile-monk on top of the sheeting shall be protected by the use of a work platform or stirrups.

Under normal circumstances, safety specialists will not cite employers for failure to tie-off employees using work platforms or stirrups on sheet piling.

**Effective Date:** This instruction is effective upon receipt and will remain in effect until cancelled or superseded by amendment to the regulation or program directive.

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