

South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation  
Division of Labor  
Office of Occupational Safety and Health  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

**OSH Program Directive Number 78-1926.250-2**

**Subject:** Article VII, Section 1926.250 (b) (1), Material Storage-As Related to Interim Storage of Temporary Flooring Used in Steel Erection.

**Standard:** Article VII, Section 1926.250 (b) (1), Rules and Regulations, Commissioner of Labor, State of South Carolina.

**Cross Reference to Federal Standards:** 29 CFR 1926.250 (b) (1).

**Background:** The purpose of this direction is to clarify the application of Article VII, Section 1910.250 (b) (1), Material Storage, as related to temporary flooring.

Contractors have been cited under 29 CFR 1926.250 (b) (1), when temporary flooring, in use during skeleton steel construction in tiered buildings, is bundled and placed over the edge of outer periphery while waiting to be picked up by a crane or derrick for movement to another tier.

**Interpretation:**

- a. The temporary flooring is, in fact, in-process equipment – not stored material, covered under the provisions of Subpart R – Steel Erection, Section 1926.750. Temporary flooring not actually in use and placed in an area on the jobsite for an indefinite time would be considered as stored material, Section 1926.250 (b) (1).
- b. The temporary flooring, when not in use as a floor, shall be properly bundled and braced to prevent movement until ready for use at the next tier.
- c. While process temporary flooring is being bundled, braced, picked or placed, all other applicable standards for employee protection shall be enforced.

**Effective Date:** This instruction is effective upon receipt and will remain in effect until cancelled or superseded by amendment to the Rules and Regulations.

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