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

OSH Program Directive Number 79-1910.23-6

Subject: Clarification of Article VI, Section 1910.23 (c) (1), In Relation to Textile Tenter Frames and Dryers.

Standard: Article VI, Section 1910.23 (c) (1), Rules and Regulations, Commissioner of Labor, State of South Carolina.

Cross Reference to Federal Standards: 29 CFR 1910.23 (c) (1).

Background: The directive clarifies the use of lifelines and safety belts for the protection of employees in relation to textile tenter frames and dryers. There have been several discussions with South Carolina OSHA officials by industry, expressing the unfeasibility of providing guardrails on top of such textile equipment in some cases.

Interpretation: Safety belts and lifelines, meeting OSHA standards, shall be permitted to be provided by the employer and used by employees for their protection while cleaning or performing routine maintenance on top of textile tenter frames and dryers in lieu of providing standard railings.

Effective Date: This instruction is effective upon receipt and will remain in effect until cancelled or superseded by amendment to the Rules and Regulations.

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