

Issues

• Fall Protection on Rolling Stock and Motor Vehicles

<p>OSHA is requesting additional comment on whether specific regulations are needed to cover falls from rolling stock and commercial motor vehicles.</p>	<p>Existing subpart D does not specifically address or exclude fall protection on rolling stock or motor vehicles from coverage. p. 28867 (I)</p>	
<p>OSHA is specifically seeking comment on whether it should include requirements specifying that when employees are exposed to falls from rolling stock and motor vehicles at heights greater than 4 feet, protective work practices, methods, or systems must be instituted.</p>	<p>p. 28867 (I)</p>	
<p>OSHA is also requesting comment on how it should define “rolling stock” and “motor vehicles,” or if the terms as defined are sufficiently inclusive.</p>	<p>For the purposes of this issue, the term “rolling stock” means any locomotive, railcar, or vehicle operated exclusively on a rail or rails, or a trolley bus operated by electric power supplied from an overhead wire. The term “motor vehicle” means commercial buses, vans, and trucks (including tractor trailer trucks, tank trucks, and hopper trucks). For the purposes of this rule, the term “motor vehicle” does not include powered industrial trucks. p. 28867 (I)</p>	
<p>OSHA is...requesting comment and information regarding rolling stock not involved in railroad operations, such as, but not limited to, when rolling stock is being loaded or unloaded off railroad property by non-railroad employees or</p>	<p>p. 28867-28868 (III, I)</p>	

<p>contractors to railroads, or when such rolling stock is being retrofitted or repaired off railroad property.</p> <p>In regard to rolling stock:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. In your establishment and/or industry, how many or what percentage of employees working on top of rolling stock are exposed to fall hazards?2. How are these employees protected from fall hazards while working on such equipment?3. If employee training on the recognition of fall hazards is provided in your workplace, please describe the nature and frequency of the training.4. If fall protection equipment is used, please provide detailed information on the types and costs of the fall protection used on rolling stock and please explain how it is used.5. If fall protection equipment is not used, please explain what technological and/or economic obstacles to such use may be involved.6. Are there alternative means to protect employees from fall hazards while working on rolling stock? Please explain.7. What is your safety experience with fall hazards on or from rolling stock?8. Should OSHA exclude rolling stock from coverage under subpart D? Please explain and provide data and information to support your comments. <p>In regard to motor vehicles:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">9. In your establishment and/or		
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<p>industry, how many or what percentage of employees working on top of motor vehicles are exposed to fall hazards?</p> <p>10. How are these employees protected from fall hazards while working on such equipment?</p> <p>11. If employee training on the recognition of fall hazards is provided in your workplace, please describe the nature and frequency of the training.</p> <p>12. If fall protection equipment is used, please provide detailed information on the types and costs of the fall protection used on motor vehicles and please explain how it is used.</p> <p>13. If fall protection equipment is not used, please explain what technological and/or economic obstacles may be involved.</p> <p>14. Are there alternative means to protect employees from fall hazards while working on motor vehicles? Please explain.</p> <p>15. What is your safety experience with fall hazards on or from motor vehicles?</p> <p>16. Should OSHA exclude motor vehicles from coverage under subpart D? Please explain and provide data and information to support your comments.</p>		
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