

**§ 56.14211 Blocking equipment in a raised position.**

(a) Persons shall not work on top of, under, or work from mobile equipment in a raised position until the equipment has been blocked or mechanically secured to prevent it from rolling or falling accidentally.

(b) Persons shall not work on top of, under, or work from a raised component of mobile equipment until the component has been blocked or mechanically secured to prevent accidental lowering. The equipment must also be blocked or secured to prevent rolling.

(c) A raised component must be secured to prevent accidental lowering when persons are working on or around mobile equipment and are exposed to the hazard of accidental lowering of the component.

(d) Under this section, a raised component of mobile equipment is considered to be blocked or mechanically secured if provided with a functional load-locking device or a device which prevents free and uncontrolled descent.

(e) Blocking or mechanical securing of the raised component is required during repair or maintenance of elevated mobile work platforms.

**§ 56.14212 Chains, ropes, and drive belts.**

Chains, ropes, and drive belts shall be guided mechanically onto moving pulleys, sprockets, or drums except where equipment is designed specifically for hand feeding.

**§ 56.14213 Ventilation and shielding for welding.**

(a) Welding operations shall be shielded when performed at locations where arc flash could be hazardous to persons.

(b) All welding operations shall be well-ventilated.

**§ 56.14214 Train warnings.**

A warning that is audible above the surrounding noise level shall be sound—

(a) Immediately prior to moving trains;

(b) When trains approach persons, crossings, other trains on adjacent tracks; and

(c) Any place where the train operator's vision is obscured.

**§ 56.14215 Coupling or uncoupling cars.**

Prior to coupling or uncoupling cars manually, trains shall be brought to a complete stop, and then moved at minimum tram speed until the coupling or uncoupling activity is completed. Coupling or uncoupling shall not be attempted from the inside of curves unless the railroad and cars are designed to eliminate hazards to persons.

**§ 56.14216 Backpoling.**

Backpoling of trolleys is prohibited except where there is inadequate clearance to reverse the trolley pole. Where backpoling is required, it shall be done only at the minimum tram speed of the trolley.

**§ 56.14217 Securing parked railcars.**

Parked railcars shall be blocked securely unless held effectively by brakes.

**§ 56.14218 Movement of equipment on adjacent tracks.**

When a locomotive on one track is used to move rail equipment on adjacent tracks, a chain, cable, or drawbar shall be used which is capable of meeting the loads to which it could be subjected.

**§ 56.14219 Brakeman signals.**

When a train is under the direction of a brakeman and the train operator cannot clearly recognize the brakeman's signals, the train operator shall bring the train to a stop.

APPENDIX I TO SUBPART M OF PART 56—  
NATIONAL CONSENSUS STANDARDS

Mine operators seeking further information regarding the construction and installation of falling object protective structures (FOPS) may consult the following national consensus standards, as applicable.

MSHA STANDARD 56.14106, FALLING OBJECT PROTECTION.

Equipment	National consensus standard
Front-end loaders and bulldozers.	Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) minimum performance criteria for falling object protective structures (FOPS) SAE J231—January, 1981.

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**MSHA STANDARD 56.14106, FALLING OBJECT PROTECTION.—Continued**

Equipment	National consensus standard
Fork-lift trucks .....	American National Standards Institute (ANSI) safety standard for low lift and high lift trucks, B 56.1, section 7.27—1983; or, American National Standards Institute (ANSI) standard, rough terrain fork lift trucks, B56.6—1987.

or mechanical irritants are encountered in a manner capable of causing injury or impairment.

**§ 56.15007 Protective equipment or clothing for welding, cutting, or working with molten metal.**

Protective clothing or equipment and face shields, or goggles shall be worn when welding, cutting, or working with molten metal.

**Subpart N—Personal Protection**

**§ 56.15014 Eye protection when operating grinding wheels.**

**§ 56.15001 First-aid materials.**

Adequate first-aid materials, including stretchers and blankets, shall be provided at places convenient to all working areas. Water or neutralizing agents shall be available where corrosive chemicals or other harmful substances are stored, handled, or used.

Face shields or goggles in good condition shall be worn when operating a grinding wheel.

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**§ 56.15002 Hard hats.**

All persons shall wear suitable hard hats when in or around a mine or plant where falling objects may create a hazard.

**§ 56.15020 Life jackets and belts.**

Life jackets or belts shall be worn where there is danger from falling into water.

**Subpart O—Materials Storage and Handling**

**§ 56.15003 Protective footwear.**

All persons shall wear suitable protective footwear when in or around an area of a mine or plant where a hazard exists which could cause an injury to the feet.

**§ 56.16001 Stacking and storage of materials.**

Supplies shall not be stacked or stored in a manner which creates tripping or fall-of-material hazards.

**§ 56.15004 Eye protection.**

All persons shall wear safety glasses, goggles, or face shields or other suitable protective devices when in or around an area of a mine or plant where a hazard exists which could cause injury to unprotected eyes.

**§ 56.16002 Bins, hoppers, silos, tanks, and surge piles.**

(a) Bins, hoppers, silos, tanks, and surge piles, where loose unconsolidated materials are stored, handled or transferred shall be—

**§ 56.15005 Safety belts and lines.**

Safety belts and lines shall be worn when persons work where there is danger of falling; a second person shall tend the lifeline when bins, tanks, or other dangerous areas are entered.

(1) Equipped with mechanical devices or other effective means of handling materials so that during normal operations persons are not required to enter or work where they are exposed to entrapment by the caving or sliding of materials; and

**§ 56.15006 Protective equipment and clothing for hazards and irritants.**

Special protective equipment and special protective clothing shall be provided, maintained in a sanitary and reliable condition and used whenever hazards of process or environment, chemical hazards, radiological hazards,

(2) Equipped with supply and discharge operating controls. The controls shall be located so that spills or overruns will not endanger persons.

(b) Where persons are required to move around or over any facility listed in this standard, suitable walkways or passageways shall be provided.

(c) Where persons are required to enter any facility listed in this standard for maintenance or inspection purposes, ladders, platforms, or staging