

**OREGON OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS SERVICES**

PROGRAM DIRECTIVE

Program Directive A-24
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SUBJECT: Pile Driving Clarification: Tying Off Loft Workers, Top Men, or Pile Monks

**AFFECTED STANDARDS/
DIRECTIVES:** 1926.603(a)(8)

PURPOSE: The purpose of this directive is to clarify the application of 1926.603(a)(8) as it relates to tying off employees using work platforms or stirrups on sheet piling.

BACKGROUND: As a result of a request to clarify the application of 1926.603(a)(8), note the following:

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

ACTION: Under normal circumstances, COs will not cite employers for failure to tie off employees using work platforms or stirrups on sheet piling.

**EFFECTIVE
DATE:** This directive is effective immediately and will remain in effect until canceled or superseded.