



Response to Proposed CFR 29-29

We want to thank those local union apprenticeship programs that responded to the Building and Construction Trades Apprentice Committee's request to petition the Department of Labor's attempts to change CFR 29-29 Standards for Registration of Apprenticeship Programs. There was very little time for responses under the Department of Labor's schedule, but many of our apprenticeship programs sent in their comments.

Many of the proposed changes would have been harmful to apprenticeship programs by lowering standards and making it easier for non-union entities to register sub-standard apprenticeship programs. The

proposed changes would have also infringed on State Apprenticeship Agencies' ability to govern apprenticeship programs within their borders.

There has not been a response from the Department of Labor as of this writing, but we will keep you informed.

Foreman Training

The Foreman Training Program will be on course to begin training programs sometime late this summer. Once the lead instructors for the program have had an opportunity to meet and form an agenda for delivering the program, an announcement will be made about the program's availability. ■

Safety & Health

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Update on Safety and Health Training Materials Produced by the Roofers Trust and Available from the International Union

As addressed previously in the magazine, with the help of training grants from OSHA, the Roofers and Waterproofers Research and Education Joint Trust and the International Union have been building a comprehensive safety and health training program in bilingual format for roofers and waterproofer. *The Roofers Safety and Health Manual* has been the core of the program and the basis for the development of bilingual classroom quality materials. Many have been produced in print form. Others, such as the fall protection program, are computer-based.

Many of these materials are available for download from the Union's web site at no cost. Simply go to www.unionroofers.com and you'll see the opportunity to download safety and health materials from the union's homepage.

Since 2006, nearly 130 individuals and organizations have downloaded over 2600 copies of safety and health materials from our web site. As we had hoped, the materials appear to be reaching a wide audience beyond simply our rank and file membership, including apprentice programs, roofing contractors, general contractors, home builders, insurance representatives, safety companies and roofing material manufacturers.

The materials available for download include:

- ▶ 21-chapter Roofers Safety and Health Manual
- ▶ 23 bilingual booklets on hazard recognition and control in roofing and waterproofing
- ▶ Macromedia Bilingual Self-Paced on Fall Protection
- ▶ 19 module Macromedia Bilingual Instructor Safety and

Health Presentation Program

- ▶ 5 toolbox pamphlets on fall protection in English and Spanish (10 total pamphlets)

Of course, you can still request any of these materials in print form or on CD from the International Union. All of these products, with the exception of the Safety and Health manual, are available at no charge from the International Union.

A brief description of the available materials follows.

Roofers Safety & Health Manual Available for Download or Print Form Cost for Print: \$30

The two-color, 21-chapter Roofers Safety and Health Manual for instructors, supervisors and roofers covers a wide range of safety and health topics from hazardous materials to confined spaces and from electrical safety to weather. Each chapter can be downloaded separately. The download is free.

This manual can also be purchased in print form. But please note that this manual will be reformatted and converted to an instructor's guide to accompany the Safety and Health Program on CD. Thus, only limited quantities of the print version will be available.

Bilingual Trainee Booklets Available for Download or Print Form Cost: Free

Twenty-three trainee booklets cover the topics in the Roofers Safety and Health Manual in a condensed, bilingual-format suitable for classroom training or take-home by students. The two-color 5.5 x 8.5 inch booklets average 30 pages and include review questions.

A new trainee booklet on Residential Fall Protection will be added to our safety and health curriculum this year. The trainee book will complement a new module on the same topic being developed for our PowerPoint-like program on CD.





DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

Macromedia Instructor Safety & Health Presentation Modules (Bilingual) *Available for Download or on CD* **Cost: Free**

This Bilingual Instructor Presentation Program now has 19 modules that operate like PowerPoint but are loaded with interactive demos and problem-solving exercises. An instructor can flip instantly between English and Spanish on every screen. The series includes a presentation module on fall protection with a searchable reference to OSHA standards.

The modules include:

- ▶ Hazards of Roofing and Waterproofing
- ▶ Your Role in Safety
- ▶ Making OSHA Work for You
- ▶ Fire Hazards and Fire Prevention
- ▶ Electrical Safety 1: Power Line Safety
- ▶ Electrical Safety 2: Tools and Equipment
- ▶ Control Measures
- ▶ Material Safety Data Sheets
- ▶ Kettles and Tankers
- ▶ Fall Protection
- ▶ Ergonomics
- ▶ Respirators
- ▶ Ladders
- ▶ Scaffolds
- ▶ Unventilated, Enclosed and Confined Spaces
- ▶ Powered Equipment
- ▶ Lifting, Hoisting and Rigging
- ▶ Hot on the Roof
- ▶ Hearing Protection



Macromedia Self-Paced Fall Protection Program (Bilingual) *Available for Download or on CD* **Cost: Free**

This self-paced, interactive program addresses fall protection in commercial and residential roofing. The program allows students or instructors to switch instantly between English and Spanish on every screen. It is highly interactive and enables users to solve typical roofing fall protection problems, make fall force calculations and compute fall distances. The executable program contains 8 instructional modules and a searchable reference to OSHA standards.

Fall Protection Toolbox Pamphlets (English or Spanish) *Available for Download or in Print Form* **Cost: Free**

Five toolbox pamphlets on fall protection are available in English and Spanish. The pamphlets can be used to reinforce the Macromedia Fall Protection Training or as stand-alone instruction. The two-color, graphical pamphlets include: Warning Lines; Guardrails; Safety Monitors; Roof Hole Covers; and Personal Fall Arrest Systems.

Fall Forces Calculator (English only) *Only Available in Print Form* **Cost: Free**

This training tool includes a 'Fall Impact Forces by Weight and Distance' slide chart that allows a roofer to enter body weight and fall distance to see pounds of force on impact.

By flipping the chart over, a roofer can find out how much a personal fall arrest system with and without a shock absorber will reduce the impact force.



Pocket Safety Cards (English or Spanish) *Only Available in Print Form* **Cost: Free**

The series includes laminated pocket-sized cards in English and Spanish on five targeted safety and health issues.



They include:

- ▶ Fall Protection
- ▶ Hearing Protection
- ▶ Health Protection
- ▶ Burn Prevention
- ▶ Power Line Safety

Information about the Download Process

You can get to the download process from the Union's homepage (www.unionroofers.com). Click on Safety and Health Training Products Online and you'll move to the Education and Training Page where you can read a short description of the products. If you decide to continue with the download process, simply click on the word Download.

The download process begins with a sign-on/registration screen. New users will be required to complete a registration process, providing us with their email address and some basic information about who they are and where they are from. This will allow us to collect and track monthly web visits and downloads for periodic reporting to OSHA.

Also, the registration process will give us the ability to update you with new materials available on our web site or through the International Union office. But most importantly, the International Union gets to contact you and get feedback on the quality, usefulness and accuracy of the materials.

