

Industrial Commission of Arizona
Division of Occupational Safety and Health
December 7, 2011

Dear Sharon,

At a public meeting held on November 30, 2011, the Industrial Commission of Arizona took the following actions on the issue of residential fall protection.

-) The Commission approved the criteria for determining technological infeasibility and greater hazard under the residential fall protection standards recommended by the Arizona Residential Fall Protection Workgroup.
-) In recognition that the workgroup's recommendations provided clearer direction with regard to how determinations of technological infeasibility or greater hazard may be made, the Commission lifted the stay of enforcement of the December 16, 2010 residential fall protection compliance directive with the effective date of the lifting of the stay to be January 1, 2012.
-) The Commission directed ADOSH to implement a 90-day phase in period. During this period of time, if an employer is inspected by ADOSH and asserts that conventional fall protection is technologically infeasible or creates a greater hazard, then ADOSH will give the employer 30 days to provide the written documentation required, if any, under the criteria developed by the workgroup.

In response to the Commission action, [ADOSH created a document](#) to provide guidance to ADOSH staff and the regulated community regarding residential fall protection and the enforcement of the federal OSHA directive. Questions regarding residential fall protection and the [guidance document](#) can be addressed to ADOSH at 602-542-5795 or 520-628-5478.

Sincerely,

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