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## 29 C.F.R. § 1926.1423

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### Fall protection.

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- (a) *Application.* (1) Paragraphs (b), (c)(3), (e) and (f) of this section apply to all equipment covered by this subpart except tower cranes.
- (2) Paragraphs (c)(1), (c)(2), (d), (g), (j) and (k) of this section apply to all equipment covered by this subpart.
- (3) Paragraphs (c)(4) and (h) of this section apply only to tower cranes.
- (b) *Boom walkways.* (1) Equipment manufactured after November 8, 2011 with lattice booms must be equipped with walkways on the boom(s) if the vertical profile of the boom (from cord centerline to cord centerline) is 6 or more feet.
- (2) *Boom walkway criteria.* (i) The walkways must be at least 12 inches wide.
- (ii) Guardrails, railings and other permanent fall protection attachments along walkways are:
- (A) Not required.
- (B) Prohibited on booms supported by pendant ropes or bars if the guardrails/railings/attachments could be snagged by the ropes or bars.
- (C) Prohibited if of the removable type (designed to be installed and removed each time the boom is assembled/disassembled).
- (D) Where not prohibited, guardrails or railings may be of any height up to, but not more than, 45 inches.
- (c) *Steps, handholds, ladders, grabrails, guardrails and railings.* (1) Section 1926.502(b) does not apply to equipment covered by this subpart.
- (2) The employer must maintain in good condition originally-equipped steps, handholds, ladders and guardrails/railings/grabrails.
- (3) Equipment manufactured after November 8, 2011 must be equipped so as to provide safe access and egress between the ground and the operator work station(s), including the forward and rear positions, by the provision of devices such as steps, handholds, ladders, and guardrails/railings/grabrails. These devices must meet the following criteria:

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