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This standard provides safety requirements for the protection of the general public subject to hazards arising from operations connected with the construction, maintenance and repair, and demolition of structures in the vicinity of public ways. Operations include, but are not limited to, hoisting, cutting, welding, forming and pouring, shoring and reshoring, and generally any activity which may jeopardize public safety. It also includes public protection from the deterioration of structures resulting in spalling concrete, loose components, and other falling debris hazards. This standard does not apply to the protection of employers or their employees.

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- A10.2 Safety, Health, and Environmental Training (under development)
- A10.3 Powder-Actuated Fastening Systems
- A10.4 Personnel Hoists and Employee Elevators
- A10.5 Material Hoists (under development)
- A10.6 Demolition Operations
- A10.7 Transportation, Storage, Handling, and Use of Commercial Explosives and Blasting Agents
- A10.8 Scaffolding
- A10.9 Concrete and Masonry Construction
- A10.10 Temporary and Portable Space Heating Devices
- A10.11 Personnel and Debris Nets
- A10.12 Excavation
- A10.13 Steel Erection
- A10.15 Dredging
- A10.16 Tunnels, Shafts, and Caissons
- A10.17 Safe Operating Practices for Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) Construction
- A10.18 Temporary Floor Holes, Wall Openings, Stairways, and Other Unprotected Edges
- A10.19 Pile Installation and Extraction Operations (under development)
- A10.20 Ceramic Tile, Terrazzo, and Marble Work (under development)
- A10.21 Proper Cleaning and Disposal of Contaminated Work Clothing (under development)
- A10.22 Rope-Guided and Nonguided Workers' Hoists
- A10.23 Back Injury Prevention Programs (under development)
- A10.24 Roofing (under development)
- A10.25 Sanitation in Construction (under development)
- A10.26 Emergency Procedures for Construction Sites (under development)
- A10.27 Hot Mix Asphalt Facilities
- A10.28 Work Platforms Suspended from Cranes or Derricks
- A10.29 Aerial Lifts in Construction (under development)
- A10.30 Workplace Security (under development)
- A10.31 Digger-Derricks
- A10.32 Fall Protection Systems for Construction Industry Users
- A10.33 Safety and Health Program Requirements for Multi-Employer Projects
- A10.35 High Pressure Hydro Blasting (under development)
- A10.36 Railroad Construction Safety (under development)
- A10.37 Debris Nets
- A10.38 Basic Elements of a Program to Provide a Safe and Healthful Work Environment
- A10.39 Construction Safety and Health Audit Program
- A10.40 Ergonomics in Construction (under development)
- A10.41 Equipment Operator and Supervisor Qualifications and Responsibilities
- A10.42 Rigging Qualifications and Responsibilities in the Construction Industry
- A10.43 Confined Spaces in Construction (under construction)
- A10.44 LockOut TagOut in Construction (under construction)
- A10.45 Disaster Response Preparedness for Construction Workers (under construction)
- A10.46 Hearing Loss Prevention (under construction)
- A10.47 Highway Construction Safety (under construction)

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American National Standard for Construction and Demolition Operations— Public Protection

1. General

1.1 Scope. This standard provides the recommended elements and activities on construction projects to provide protection for the Public.

1.2 Purpose This standard is intended for use as a guideline to provide protection for the Public.

1.3 Responsibility. The Project Constructor shall implement this standard as appropriate to the specific size and location of the Project and degree of potential hazards to the Public.

1.3.1 If the Enforcing Authority, Project Constructor or other responsible party (agent) determines that portions are not applicable and the intent of the standard is still met, then those specific sections should be deleted (or disregarded) where they do not apply.

1.3.2 Whenever the Project Constructor or other responsible party (agent) delegates their responsibility, they are not relieved of accountability for oversight (of the activities that were delegated). If the Project constructor or its agent becomes aware of a situation where a entity that has been delegated responsibility fails to or cannot perform the delegated responsibility adequately, then the Project Constructor or its agent shall be responsible for correction of the deficiency.

1.4 Comments. When there is a comment in the text of this standard the comment is meant to clarify the intent of the standard, however the language of the comment is not part of the standard.

2. Definitions

2.1 Agent. A designated person or company who is assigned and accepts the specified contractual responsibility of another party.

2.2 Ambient Noise. Any noise generated in the surroundings and is not a result of the construction operation.

2.3 Authority. Any administrative body or governmental division or agency that establishes or is authorized to establish regulations, procedures, laws, or other controls applicable to the jobsite or Public.

2.4 Enforcing Authority. The entity with general oversight of the operation with day-to-day control of the site and with authority to enforce safety on the site. This may be a controlling contractor, project constructor, owner, a governmental or private agency that is conducting construction or maintenance, or the employer in the absence of one of these.

In the absence of a law specifically incorporating this standard or a section of this standard, or a specific interpretation from the enforcement or consultative branch of a State or Federal Safety and Health enforcement agency, the task of determining applicability and exceptions to this standard rests with the Enforcing Authority as defined above.

2.5 Competent Person. One who is capable of identifying existing and predictable hazards to the public and has the authorization to take prompt corrective measures to eliminate them.

2.6 Construction Project. All work performed by or for the Project Constructor as defined by the Project Documents.

2.7 Contractor. A subcontractor, specialty contractor or other entity as designated in the project documents, responsible for part of the construction process on a construction project.