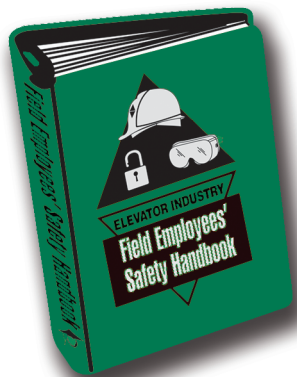


The 2010 Safety Handbook

One of the primary duties of the National Elevator Industry, Inc., Safety Committee is the editing of the *Elevator Industry Field Employees' Safety Handbook* on a regular basis. The book is reviewed in its entirety every five years and is republished at that time. Copies of the book in portable document format (PDF) are sent to committee members and, usually, certain chapters (sections) are assigned. The revision process often takes a couple



of two-day meetings to achieve consensus on those changes that will be included. ELEVATOR WORLD then incorporates the changes and sends out the book for a final review. The end product is published in about six weeks with a new binder color. This change gives safety directors around the U.S. an immediate visual clue as to which books are being used in their companies.

Throughout the five-year period that a version of the safety handbook is in use, changes are made, and these will first be posted on the safety site (www.safety.elevator-world.com). When enough changes have been collected, the amended pages will be printed on colored paper and distributed. There are usually two-to-three amendments printed in a five-

year period, so a field technician who starts out with a new book in 2010 will have white pages in a dark green binder, but, by 2014, he or she will have white pages with a sprinkling of yellow, blue and green pages representing new or amended material.

The 2010 edition of the *Elevator Industry Field Employees' Safety Handbook* will have changes and clarifications in the following areas:

- ◆ Additional safety responsibilities of the mechanic/mechanic-in-charge have been reviewed and revised.
- ◆ A fall height illustration has been added to aid in determining fall clearances.
- ◆ New car-top guardrail system and new escalator/moving walk barricade illustrations have been added.
- ◆ The Electrical Safety section has been reviewed and adjusted to better conform to the 2009 version of NFPA 70e.
- ◆ A simplified procedure for safely accessing and exiting car tops and pits has been developed and approved.
- ◆ Wording regarding a blocking device for machine-room-less elevators has been added.
- ◆ The section on portable ladders and scaffolds now also includes stationary work platforms.

The 2010 edition of the *Elevator Industry Field Employees' Safety Handbook* is available from www.elevatorbooks.com beginning in February, and rules are applicable by March 1. The complete revised text of the handbook is also available online at <http://safety.elevator-world.com>. 