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**Notice of Proposed Modifications to California Code of Regulations
REGULATING THE PROCESS FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF EMPLOYERS AND AUTHORIZED
REPRESENTATIVES OF EMPLOYEES TO ACCOMPANY THE DIVISION DURING WORKPLACE
INSPECTIONS (also known as the Walkaround Rule)**

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The Division of Occupational Safety and Health (the "Division") within the California Department of Industrial Relations is providing notice of an opportunity to submit written comments on the above-referenced standard. The Division is considering modifications based on public comments and/or Division review.

On April 1, 2026, the Division held a public hearing to consider its proposal to adopt Section 331.8 of Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations. The Division received both oral and written comments on the proposed addition. Based on these comments and the Division's consideration, the proposed section has been modified.

Additional information concerning this proposed regulatory action is available at <<https://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/doshreg/Employer-and-Employee-Reps-During-Workplace-Inspections>>, including:

- (1) Notice of proposed modifications; <<https://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/doshreg/Employer-and-Employee-Reps-During-Workplace-Inspections/15-day-notice-of-proposed-modifications.pdf>>;
- (2) Notice of the proposed rulemaking <<https://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/doshreg/Employer-and-Employee-Reps-During-Workplace-Inspections/Notice-for-2026-04-01.pdf>>;
- (3) Proposed regulatory text <<https://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/doshreg/Employer-and-Employee-Reps-During-Workplace-Inspections/Proposed-Text-walkaround.pdf>>; and
- (4) Initial statement of reasons for the proposed regulatory changes.
<<https://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/doshreg/Employer-and-Employee-Reps-During-Workplace-Inspections/ISOR-walkaround.pdf>>

Any interested person may submit written comments relevant to the proposed regulatory action to the Division by email to walkaroundrule@dir.ca.gov or by mail to:

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The written comment period closes on July 16, 2026, at 11:59 pm. Written comments received by the Agency regarding this proposed regulatory action will be made available on the website.

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