

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES ON ELEVATOR CODES  
AND ZIP LINES IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The Department of Labor and Workforce Development proposes to amend regulations by updating editions of the elevator safety standards code and adding a section on minimum safety requirements for the installation, assembly, repair, maintenance, operation, and inspection of zip lines.

The Department of Labor and Workforce Development proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 8 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with elevator safety standards code and zip lines, including the following:

- (1) 8 AAC 77.005 is proposed to be amended to adopt by reference the editions of the following: *Safety Standards for Challenge Course, Adventure Parks, Canopy Tours and Zip Lines: Design, Performance, Inspection, Installation, Equipment, Operations, Training and Certifications (Part 1 & 1.1)* (2014); *Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators* (2016); *Challenge Courses and Canopy/Zip Line Tours Standards* (2016); *Safety Standard for Platform Lifts and Stairway Chairlifts* (2017); *Guide for Inspection of Elevators, Escalators, and Moving Walks* (2017); *Standards for Elevator Suspension, Compensation, and Governor Systems* (2017); *Standard Practice for Aerial Adventure Courses* (2018).
- (2) 8 AAC 78 is proposed to be amended by adding new sections on minimum safety requirements for the installation, assembly, repair, maintenance, operation, and inspection of zip lines.
- (3) 8 AAC 78.900(b) is proposed to be amended to add in zip lines.

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments to Becky Weimer, Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Labor Standards and Safety, P.O. Box 111149, Juneau, AK 99811-1149. Additionally, you may submit comments by facsimile at (907) 465-6012 and by electronic mail at [dol.lss.regulations@alaska.gov](mailto:dol.lss.regulations@alaska.gov). Comments may also be submitted through the Alaska Online Public Notice System by accessing this notice on the system and using the comment link. The comments must be received not later than 3:30 p.m. on November 8, 2018.

You may submit written questions relevant to the proposed action by electronic mail at [dol.lss.regulations@alaska.gov](mailto:dol.lss.regulations@alaska.gov) or by mail to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Labor Standards and Safety, P.O. Box 111149, Juneau, AK 99811-1149. The questions must be received at least 10 days before the end of the public comment period. The

Department will aggregate its response to substantially similar questions and make the questions and responses available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Becky Weimer at (907) 465-6002 not later than October 29, 2018 to ensure that any necessary accommodation can be provided.

A copy of the proposed regulation changes is available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System or by contacting Becky Weimer, Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Labor Standards and Safety, P.O. Box 111149, Juneau, AK 99811-1149 or [dol.lss.regulations@alaska.gov](mailto:dol.lss.regulations@alaska.gov) or (907) 465-6002.

A copy of material proposed for adoption by reference may be viewed at the agency's office at 1251 Muldoon Road, Suite 113, Anchorage, Alaska 99504 or 1111 West 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 302, Juneau, Alaska 99801.

After the public comment period ends, the Department of Labor and Workforce Development will either adopt the proposed regulation changes or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action. The language of the final regulation may be different from that of the proposed regulation. You should comment during the time allowed if your interests could be affected.

**Statutory authority:** AS 05.20.070; AS 18.60.800; AS 18.62.060.

**Statutes being implemented, interpreted, or made specific:** AS 05.20.010; AS 05.20.020; AS 05.20.030; AS 05.20.040; AS 05.20.060; AS 05.20.070; AS 05.20.080; AS 05.20.120; AS 18.60.800; AS 44.62.450

**Fiscal information:** The proposed regulation changes are not expected to require an increased appropriation.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Heidi Drygas, Commissioner  
Department of Labor and Workforce Development