



**State of Alaska
Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Division of Labor Standards and Safety**

AKOSH Program Directive 06-12

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From: Grey R. Mitchell Director

Subject: **Grant of a Permanent Variance – from 29 CFR 1926.452(o)(3)
Boatswains chair tackle requirements and 29 CFR 1926.552 (c)
enclosed hoist systems**

This Program Directive, PD 06-12, is notice that Alaska Department of Labor & Workforce Development, Division of Labor Standards & Safety has agreed to accept the alternative conditions set out in the grant of permanent variance as published in the Federal Register, Vol. 71, No. 40, March 1, 2006 p 10557-10564.

Effective Date: March 1, 2006

Background: A number of chimney-construction companies have demonstrated to OSHA that several personnel hoist requirements, as well as the tackle requirements for boatswains chairs result in access problems that pose a serious danger to their employees. These companies have requested a permanent variance from these requirements and proposed alternative equipment and procedures to protect their employees. OSHA has determined that the alternatives will provide as safe and effective workplace.

Reference: Variance: FR 38 -8545-8548, 1973
Variance: FR 70:72659-72665, 2005

Please ensure that all members of your staff receive a copy of the Federal Register for Monday, April 03, 2006 (pp 10557-10564) detailing the changes and revised language, and this program directive and understand how to implement these revisions.

Attachments: F R, Vol. 71, No. 40, March 1, 2006 pp 10557-10564

Grant of a permanent chimney-construction variance

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