

## **Battery Charging Room Codes & Regulations**

Designing and constructing a Battery Charging and Changing Area requires considerable thought, in order to be safe and efficient. In an effort to aid our customer's design process, Multi-Shifter has compiled a listing of various Web sites that deal with the following subjects:

Articles of General Interest | OSHA Standards | OSHA Standards Interpretations |

## **Articles of General Interest**

- 1. Codes Update for Battery Rooms: by Robert R. Robbins, Acran, Austin, Texas
- 2. Codes Update for Battery Rooms <u>Article Continuation #1</u>: by Robert R. Robbins, Acran, Austin, Texas
- 3. Know the Code: by Robert Wittemann, Yuasa-Exide

## Standards - U.S. Department of Labor Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA)

- 1. 1910.132 General Requirements
  Personal Protective Equipment
- 2. 1910.133 Eye and Face Protection
  - Personal Protective Equipment
- 3. 1910.151 Medical Services and First Aid
- 4. 1910.178 Powered Industrial Trucks
  See part 1910.178 (g) (6) Standards concerning battery charging & changing area
- 5. 1910.303 General Requirements
  Electrical Design Safety Standards for Electrical Systems

- 1910.305 Wiring Methods, Components, and Equipment for General Use <u>Electrical - Design Safety Standards for Electrical Systems</u> See part 1910.305 (j) (7) - Ventilation of storage batteries
- 7. 1917.157 Battery Charging and Changing Related Terminal Operations and Equipment
- 8. 1926.441 Batteries and Battery Charging Electrical - Safety Requirements for Special Equipment

## Standards Interpretations - U.S. Department of Labor Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA)

1. 1910.178 (g) (2) - Battery Charging Stations for Fork Lifts and Other Industrial Trucks

Re: Clarifies the subject standard "battery charging" area.

Re: <u>Safe distance as it applies to fire protection & ventilation for battery charging areas.</u>

<u>Materials Handling and Storage</u>

2. 1910.305 - Wiring Methods, Components, and Equipment for General Use

Electrical - Design Safety Standards for Electrical Systems

Re: <u>Interpretation of standards applicable to battery storage installations</u> Electrical

3. 1910.151 - Medical Services and First Aid

Re: <u>Instruction guidelines</u> directive regarding eye wash and body flushing facilities required for electric storage battery charging and maintenance areas.

Re: Quick drenching or flushing facilities in battery charging areas

Re: Standard requirements for eyewash and shower equipment & other protective

equipment

Re: Clarification regarding the use of eyewash stations

Medical and First Aid