



## Aisles

OSHA regulates aisles in their walking-working surfaces regulation at 1910.22(b). The regulation requires that aisles must be "appropriately marked," but it doesn't describe what it considers appropriate. Employers need to mark facility aisles to ensure that they will be in compliance with OSHA's expectations.

OSHA considers the following examples as complying with its requirements:

- The lines used to delineate the aisles may be any color so long as they clearly define the area considered as aisle space.
- The lines may be composed of dots, squares, and be in strip or continuous form, but they too must define the aisle area.
- The recommended width of aisle markings varies from 2 inches to 6 inches; therefore, any width 2 inches or more is considered acceptable.
- The recommended width of aisles is at least 3 feet wider than the largest equipment to be utilized, or a minimum of 4 feet.

Aisles are also one of the areas where good housekeeping comes into play. Aisles need to remain clear of clutter to allow for passage of employees both in everyday use and in case of emergency. This includes protruding nails, splinters, holes, or loose boards. This also includes trying to keep them dry.

