Many stages have catwalks in the perms near the roof, which are walkways with handrails allowing employees to work without fall protection equipment. Catwalks are independent of the perm grid system and roof trusses and must always be treated with care.

Prohibited Activities

Floorboards

Do not cut or drill into floorboards, remove any pieces, or modify in any way that could weaken or compromise the integrity of the walking surface.

Handrails

Never attach rigging to handrails. Suspending loads, especially lateral loads, reduces their working strength, and can cause rails to separate, deflect, or deform. All rigging should be attached to the permanent grid structure and roof trusses.

Sprinklers

Never attach rigging to sprinkler pipes or any part of the sprinkler system. Furthermore, never block sprinkler heads in such a way that the flow of water would be impeded.

Horizontal Fall Protection Cables

Never attach rigging to horizontal fall protection cables; these cables should be used only for worker fall arrest systems.







Hazard Awareness

When accessing or working around the catwalks, be on the lookout if any of the following are present in any part of the structure including handrails:

- Major cracks or splits (thicker than a quarter)
- Loose top/mid rails or toe boards
- Missing or unsecured walking planks
- Walkways with handrails that have uneven widths
- Handrails that are twisting inward or outward and do not appear straight
- Warping or rot

If any of the above are observed, immediately notify your assigned department head, unit production manager, or the designated safety representative for further investigation and inspections.

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