



# SafetyRailCompany

Fall Protection for Life and Compliance



# SKYLIGHT GUARDING SOLUTIONS

COMPREHENSIVE - COMPLIANT



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## SRC SKYLIGHT GUARDS

Industrial and commercial skylights have long been architectural features that do everything from illuminating dark areas in industrial facilities to adding beauty and elegance to indoor commercial spaces. While function and beauty are important elements in building design, without proper guarding skylights can pose a serious fall hazard risk often resulting in injuries or fatalities. In fact, the hazard is so high that OSHA makes no distinction between an open hole and a skylight and mandates under federal law that all skylights must either be rated for fall protection in their initial design or they must be covered with a protective guard that will prevent a fall through the skylight.

Skylights come in a variety of shapes, sizes and configurations. To meet this variety, Safety Rail Company offers a wide range of protective guards that restore skylights back into OSHA compliance. Each guarding option comes with its own features and benefits to meet custom requirements often found on buildings.



### SKYLIGHT SCREENS: Economical

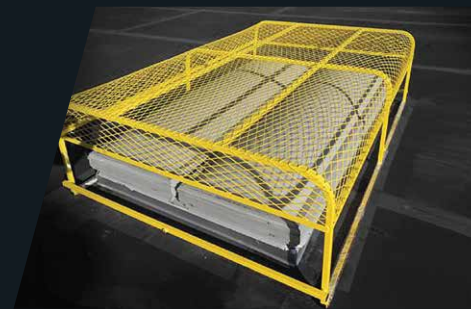
Skylight Screens often are the most economical solution to guarding skylights. They fit a variety of domed shaped skylights, don't take up any space on the roof and best of all do not require any penetrations to the roof, curb or skylight. Our unique compression-fit design locks the screen onto the aluminum frame of the skylight. Federal OSHA and CalOSHA compliant. Features:

- Compression Fit – No Penetrations
- Galvanized Finish
- Fits Skylights up to 61" wide x 120" long (up to 53" wide x 120" long for CalOSHA)
- Perfect for High Wind Areas

### SKYLIGHT GUARDS: Quick Installation

Skylight Guards are one of the easiest install options we have. A completely welded guard that simply drops right over the skylight, tighten the bolts against the curb – that's it! This is a great option for small or large skylights and is available galvanized or a variety of colors to match the building roof. The small steel mesh screen even protects against large hail stones. Federal OSHA and CalOSHA compliant. Features:

- Quick Installation
- Fits Skylights up to 90" wide x 120" long
- No Penetrations
- Perfect for High Wind Areas
- Variety of Finishes



### MOBILE RAILINGS: Great for Large Jobs

The SRC Mobile Railing System is one of the most versatile products on the roof. Used primarily for perimeter fall protection, this free-standing, non-penetrating railing system can also be used for guarding skylights. This railing system can easily protect large banks of skylights or even less common flush-mounted, pyramid shaped or round skylights. Simply set the weighted base plates in position, insert and pin the railings and you've got a completely OSHA and CalOSHA compliant solution. Features:

- Free-standing – No Penetrations
- No Size or Shape Limitations
- Variety of Finishes Available
- Perfect for High Wind Areas

# The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) recently issued this warning regarding skylights.

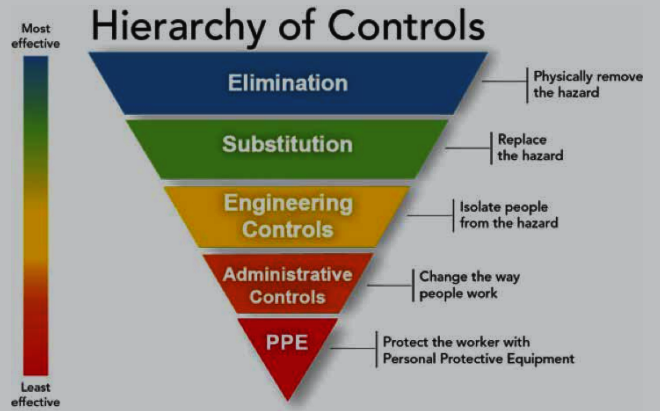
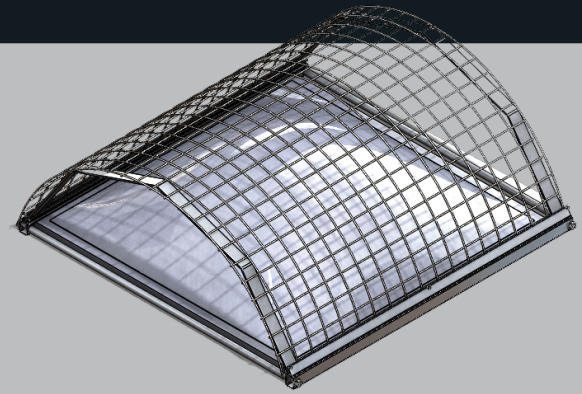
Fatal falls and serious injuries may result from inadequate guarding and fall protection for work around skylights and roof and floor openings.

Controlling exposures to occupational hazards is the fundamental method of protecting workers. OSHA follows a Hierarchy of Controls to minimize hazards and ranks such control measure from lowest to highest effectiveness.

In the chart to the right Elimination and Substitution are considered to be the most effective measures to ensure safety. However these two can be the most difficult and expensive options available. In the case of skylights, the skylight would be removed or replaced with a skylight rated for fall protection – two expensive and not always realistic options especially when multiple units are involved.

Engineering Controls are favored over Administrative Controls and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for controlling existing worker exposures in the workplace because they are designed to remove the hazard at the source, before it comes in contact with the worker. Well-designed Engineering Controls can be highly effective in protecting workers and will typically be independent of worker interactions to provide this high level of protection. The initial cost of Engineering Controls can be higher than the cost of Administrative Controls or PPE, but over the longer term, operating costs are frequently lower, and in some instances, can provide a significant cost savings over on-going training, inspections, certification and compliance monitoring.

At Safety Rail Company, we offer companies common sense solutions that provide comprehensive Engineering Controls for guarding a wide range of skylights that are easy to install, cost effective solutions to separating the worker from the fall hazard.



## SKYVIEW BARRIER: Blue Sky Views

The SkyView Barrier is one more unique way to guard a skylight. SkyView surrounds the skylight with a 42" high barrier that compression fits against the skylight curb. Many building owners and architects don't want a cage covering the skylight or anything impeding the view when people look up. SkyView fits the bill by keeping its structure away from the lens yet tall and strong enough to meet all applicable OSHA and CalOSHA standards. Features:

- Free-standing – No Penetrations
- Perfect for High Wind Areas
- Galvanized Finish
- Fits Skylights 120" wide x 120" long



R-PANEL SKYLIGHT SCREEN

## CORRUGATED AND R-PANEL SKYLIGHT SCREENS

Flush mounted skylights are found on many industrial buildings with corrugated or R-panel metal roofs. These types of skylights are particularly troublesome to guard because they typically are mounted flush with the roof deck meaning they can be hard to see when walking on the roof. Our Corrugated and R-Panel Skylight Screens completely cover the top of these skylights eliminating the hazard and restoring peace of mind to building owners or anyone accessing the roof for routine maintenance. OSHA and CalOSHA compliant. Features:

- Secured with self-sealing, gasketed hardware
- Fits Skylights up to 24" wide x 120" long
- Galvanized Finish
- Works on any pitch



CORRUGATED SKYLIGHT SCREEN



## STANDING SEAM SKYLIGHT SCREENS

Skylights on standing seam metal roofs are also typically flush mounted to the roof and can be hard to see. Our Standing Seam Skylight Screen completely covers the top of these skylights thereby eliminating the fall hazard. Our system attaches to the vertical ribs of the metal panel with a non-piercing, clamp-on attachment. OSHA and CalOSHA compliant. Features:

- Secured with non-piercing, metal seam clamps
- Galvanized Finish
- Fits Skylights up to 24" wide x 120" long
- Works on any pitch



## REQUIREMENTS FOR GUARDING SKYLIGHTS

Federal OSHA and CalOSHA are specific on performance standards for railings, screens and covers for skylights. Paramount for all of them is that if a person falls onto the screen or cover they must not be allowed to break the lens of the skylight. In other words the screen or cover must not only support the weight of the person falling, it must also meet load requirements prescribed by OSHA. If using railings, the railing must meet load requirements of their own. Here are the pertinent standards from the [www.OSHA.gov](http://www.OSHA.gov) website by which skylight guarding is mandated by law and that all railings, covers and screens must comply.

### 1910.28(b)(3)(i)

Each employee is protected from falling through any hole (including skylights) that is 4 feet (1.2 m) or more above a lower level by one or more of the following: Covers; Guardrail systems; Travel restraint systems; or Personal fall arrest systems.

### 29 CFR 1926.502(b)(4) – Railings Must Comply

When the 200 pound (890 N) test load specified in paragraph (b)(3) of this section is applied in a downward direction, the top edge of the guardrail shall not deflect to a height less than 39 inches (1.0 m) above the walking/working level. Guardrail system components selected and constructed in accordance with the Appendix B to subpart M of this part will be deemed to meet this requirement.

### Cal/OSHA Title 8, Chapter 4, Article 19, 1623 (3) – Screens and Covers Must Comply (California Standard Only)

(3) Covers shall be capable of safely supporting the greater of 400 pounds or twice the weight of the employees, equipment and materials that may be imposed on any one square foot area of the cover at any time. Covers shall be secured in place to prevent accidental removal or displacement, and shall bear a pressure sensitized, painted, or stenciled sign with legible letters not less than one inch high, stating: "Opening--Do Not Remove." Markings of chalk or keel shall not be used.

At Safety Rail Company all of our products meet the appropriate standards. They are made in the USA by AWS Certified Welders under strict quality control standards.

