**Walkways Template Guide**

The template criteria provided below is a sample list of audit or inspection criteria that is potentially related to the operations at your organization. You may review the samples below and use them as jumping off points for creating custom audit or inspection templates in the SafetySkills Empower system. They may be used in their entirety without change or edited and expanded to suit the specific needs of your organization. Use of these criteria is entirely optional and to be used at your discretion.

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| Are aisles and walkways appropriately marked? |
| Are walkways properly illuminated? |
| Are changes of direction or elevation easily identified? |
| Are wet surfaces covered with non-slip materials? |
| Are openings or holes in the floors or other walking surfaces repaired or otherwise made safe? |
| Is there a safe clearance for walking in aisles in which vehicles operate? |
| Are materials and equipment stored so sharp edges and corners do not interfere with the walkway? |
| Do aisles or walkways near moving or operating machinery, welding, and similar operations keep employees away from hazards? |
| Is there floor-to-headroom height of at least 6.5 feet provided for the entire length of any walkway? |
| Are standard guardrails provided wherever aisle or walkway surfaces are elevated more than four feet above floor or ground? |
| Are bridges provided over conveyors and similar hazards? |

**Floor and Wall Openings in Walkways**

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| Are floor openings guarded by a cover, a guardrail, or equivalent on all sides (except at stairways or ladder entrances)? |
| Are toeboards (minimum vertical 3.5” height) installed around the edges of permanent floor openings where persons may pass below the opening? |
| Are grates or similar type covers over floor openings such as floor drains designed to allow unimpeded foot traffic or rolling equipment? |
| Are unused portions of service pits and pits not in use either covered or protected by guardrails or equivalent? |
| Are manhole covers, trench covers and similar covers, and their supports designed to carry a truck rear axle load of at least 20,000 pounds when located in roadways and subject to vehicle traffic? |
| Are floor or wall openings in fire-resistant construction provided with doors or covers compatible with the fire rating of the structure and provided with a self-closing feature when appropriate? |

**Walkways on Loading Docks**

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| Are dock boards or bridge plates used when transferring materials between docks and trucks? |
| If loading dock height is 48 inches or higher, are there fall protection measures in place? |
| If activities bring high traffic close to a hazard (e.g., an edge), are the floors marked or guards in place? |
| Has the dock area been periodically cleaned to remove accumulated debris? |
| Are dock plates and boards designed for the loads, and are lift trucks being used properly and in good repair? |

**For Additional Inspection Items, See following checklists:**

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| *Elevated Surfaces* |
| *Floor and Wall Openings* |
| *Stairs* |
| *Slip, Trip and Fall* |
| *Warehouse* |