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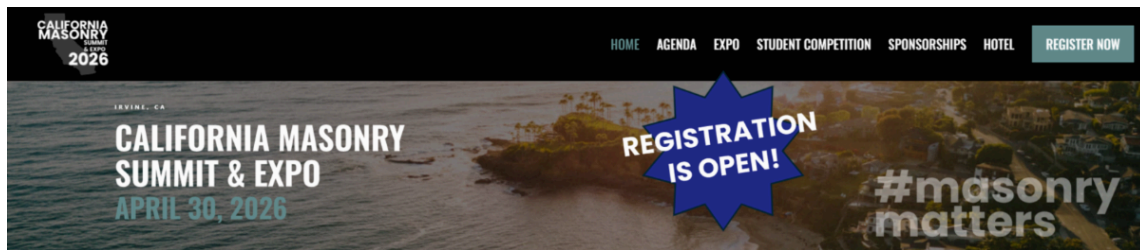
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# 2026 California Masonry Summit & Expo

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## Cal/OSHA Proposes New Walkaround Rule for Workplace Inspections

On February 13, 2026, the California Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA) issued a [Notice of Proposed Rulemaking](#) to establish a new Walkaround Rule that would allow additional employee and employer representatives to accompany a Cal/OSHA inspector during worksite inspections. This [draft regulation](#) follows the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) “[walkaround rule](#)” to make California's rule at least “as effective as” the federal OSHA walkaround rule.

### Key Provisions of the Proposal

- **Expanded Participation:** The draft rule would allow additional employee representatives to accompany the inspector. These representatives could be company employees, third parties, or collective bargaining representatives.
- **Inspector Discretion:** Cal/OSHA inspectors would have authority to determine whether extra employer representatives may accompany them, potentially limiting employers to a single designated representative unless the inspector grants additional participation.
- **Third-Party Involvement:** Third parties (e.g., safety consultants or union representatives) could participate if the inspector finds they are “reasonably necessary” for a thorough and effective inspection.
- **Scope and Conduct:** Inspectors could limit the scope and conduct of representatives during the inspection. In certain situations, an inspector could deny or revoke participation rights if a representative’s behavior interferes with the inspection.
- **Trade Secret Areas:** The proposed rule includes minimal protections for trade secrets by limiting who may access such areas upon an employer’s request.

The proposed Walkaround Rule could change how Cal/OSHA inspections unfold. Key concerns for employers include:

- **Potential for more adversarial inspections** if multiple or third-party representatives are present and actively involved.
- **New procedural considerations** for preparation and coordination when Cal/OSHA inspectors arrive on site.

Contractors and other construction employers may need to revisit their internal policies for managing inspections, including who is designated to accompany

inspectors and how employee engagement is handled during a walkaround.

MCAC will continue monitoring this rulemaking and provide updates to members as the regulation moves through the public comment period. The first public hearing is scheduled for April 1, 2026.

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## Masonry Industry Represents at Trade Show for School Facility Planners, Developers, and Builders



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In case you were wondering where your favorite masonry industry representatives were the last couple of days this month, many of us were at the first-ever **Masonry Pavilion** at the 2026 Coalition for Adequate School Housing (C.A.S.H.) Conference in Sacramento, CA. With 300+ exhibitors and 2,000'ish attendees, we had the opportunity to meet and mingle with the people that decide, design, build, and maintain K-12 school facilities in California. Some of those we met were already fans of masonry (*one architect I spoke with has used masonry exclusively on school projects since 1994!*). Others were curious to know more. And, then there were those willing to try their hand at bricklaying at our live demonstration booth -- with a little professional assistance, of course. Thank you to **Arturo Pinal** and **Katia Rodriguez** and the **California Masonry Council (CMC)** for coordinating! It was a proud moment seeing masonry come together as a unified industry.

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*"We can learn nothing except by going from the known to the unknown."* – Claude Bernard

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