

Dangers of pulling fiber optic cables



Overview

Besides the usual safety issues for all construction, generally covered under OSHA rules in the US (OSHA 10 and 30), fiber optics adds concerns for eye safety, chemicals, sparks from fusion splicing, disposal of fiber shards and more, covered in Part 1. Here are 5 vital rules for staying safe when you're working on fiber optic cables. Know the standards that apply to your work Whether you're installing new fiber optic cables or troubleshooting and repairing an existing fiber network, a working knowledge of the regulations that apply to your. Fiber optic cable is strong, reliable and built for long-term performance, but it still needs to be handled correctly during installation. Most fiber damage does not come from normal operation after the system is live. It happens during installation, when excessive pulling force, tight bends. Installing fiber optic cable requires precision, skill, and a commitment to safety, especially when using powerful underground cable pullers. While these tools boost efficiency, their complexity introduces risks that demand proactive management.



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XXII. Fiber Optic Safety Procedures

Employees will immediately and thoroughly wash their hands after leaving the work area, where fiber optic cables are being spliced or terminated, or where bare fibers are being handled.

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