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PREFACE

This Australian Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee BD/91, Erection of Building Steelwork.

This Standard is the result of a consensus among Australian/New Zealand representatives on the Joint Committee to produce it as an Australian Standard.

The Standard is based on the *Advisory standard for steel construction* published by the Queensland Government Division of Workplace, Health and Safety and Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand handbook SAA/SNZ HB62, *Guidelines for the erection of building steelwork*, Part 1:1995 *Low rise building and structures* and Part 2:1995, *Multi storey buildings and structures*.

The topic covered by this Standard deals with any work involving the erection of assembled portions and single components of structural steel such as—

- (a) columns;
- (b) beams;
- (c) bracing;
- (d) rafters;
- (e) purlins;
- (f) girts;
- (g) bridging and fly bracing;
- (h) trusses; and
- (i) other related steelwork, for example, freestanding structures.

This Standard provides guidance to persons engaged in the erection of structural steel work. Falls from heights, falling objects, collapse of the structure and plant used in the construction of the structure can cause injury or death to persons at or near a workplace where steel construction is being undertaken.

The objective of this Standard is to provide those responsible for the erection of building steelwork with guidelines specifying safe working provisions and practices.

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SECTION 1 SCOPE AND GENERAL

1.1 SCOPE This Standard describes recommended safe working provisions and practices (supported by training) for those responsible for and involved in the erection of building steelwork. This Standard is not intended to be solely for the builder, but is also intended to provide guidance for other associated trades.

The recommendations relate to the safety of persons when entering and leaving the work area while the erection of building steelwork is taking place. They also relate to the safety of other persons in the vicinity, whether working or not, who may be endangered by the action of those working on the erection of building steelwork.

1.2 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS The following documents are referred to in this Standard:

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| 2550 | Cranes—Safe use |
| 2550.1 | Part 1: General requirements |
| 2550.10 | Elevating work platforms |
| 2626 | Industrial safety belts and harnesses—Selection, use and maintenance |
| 2865 | Safe working in a confined space |
| 4100 | Steel structures |
| 4576 | Guidelines for scaffolding |
| 4626 | Industrial fall-arrest devices—Selection use and maintenance |

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| 4360 | Risk management |
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