

4 REGULATORY HISTORY

CASE STUDY

As a young man, Ron Peterson had studied weaving with a master craftsman. After years of learning his craft, Ron started his own business, creating custom-made, hand woven textiles. His shop, which had begun with himself and two other weavers, now has 12 employees. Ron has always taken great care to ensure a safe and healthy working environment. He feels confident that his shop is safe, but some of his safety measures may not be exactly what the applicable OSHA standards spell out.

1. Is it possible to work something out with OSHA for this kind of situation?
2. Would OSHA consider Ron's situation a temporary arrangement?
3. What type of employer might be able to get a more permanent arrangement?
4. What specific information is required for a permanent arrangement?