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# OSHA 510

## Standards Course for the

## Construction Industry

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**Day 1**



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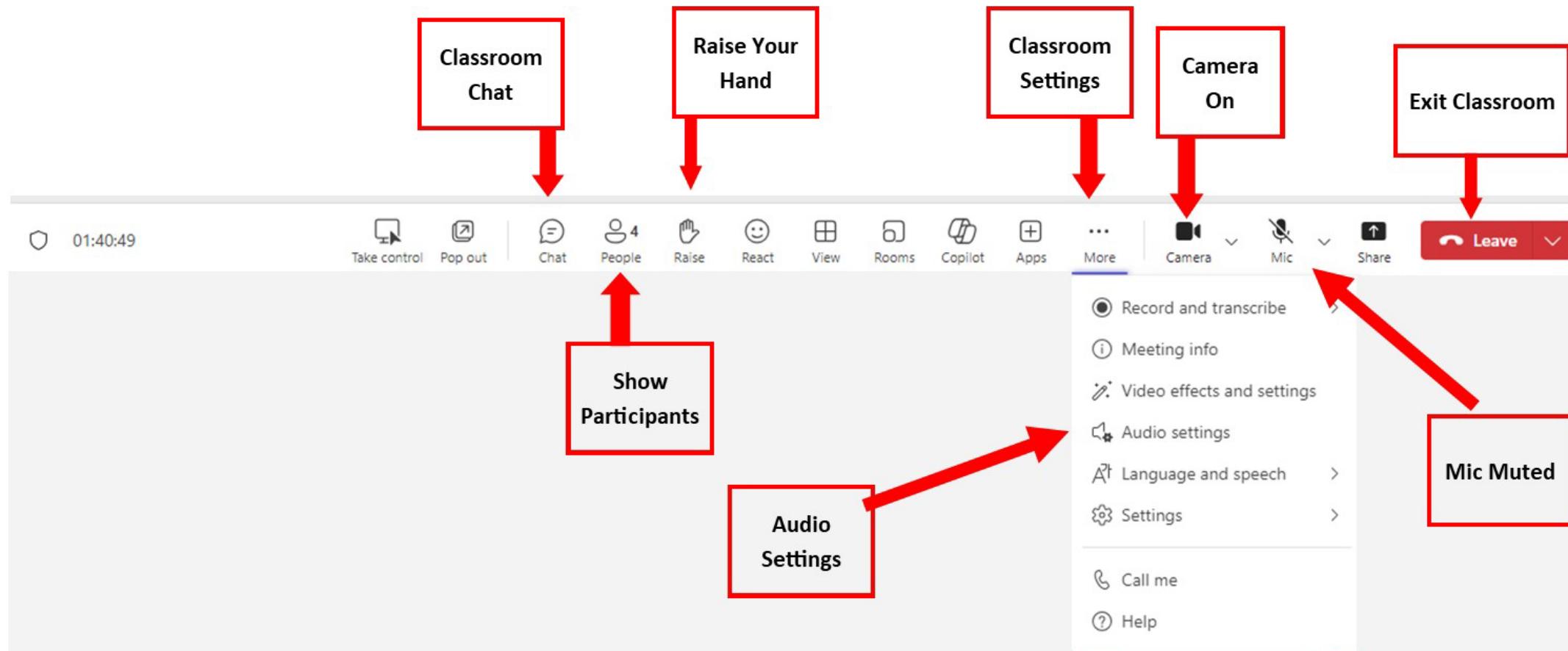


- **Instructor Information**
- **Attendance Requirements**
- **Emergency Information**
- **Personal Expectations**





# ANNOUNCEMENTS





## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Avoid the use of tobacco products in the classroom.
- Avoid lying in the bed.
- Dress appropriately.



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## Complete Student Data Form

Due Jul 15 by 8am Points 2

**Read all instructions before starting this assignment:**

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**This information is also used in a case of an emergency for you in this class so we can contact someone for you if need be!**

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### Topic Presentations

The modules for each day will contain a PDF file housing all the topic presentations for that day respectively. These materials will be located on the below pages. Click the links below to go to that day's module.

- [Day 1 Materials & Activities ↓](#)
- [Day 2 Materials & Activities ↓](#)
- [Day 3 Materials & Activities ↓](#)
- [Day 4 Materials & Activities ↓](#)

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- [OSHA.gov ↗](#)
- [Adobe Acrobat Reader DC Free ↗](#)



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- Correct email address





# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- Be respectful of others
- Enjoy the class!



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1. **Daily Attendance** and returning on time for classes will assist the Education Center in providing a quality course. Attendance will be taken at the beginning and at the end of the day throughout the length of the course.
2. **Absentees:** Course participants must have prior approval of their respective office and the course instructor's approval prior to their taking leave from the Education Center class. This includes departure prior to the course completion time.
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OSHA 510 Day 1			
Beginning Time	Ending Time	Cumulative Minutes	Topic
8:00 AM	9:00 AM	60 minutes	Course Opening, Data Forms, Objectives, Introductions
9:00 AM	10:15 AM	75 minutes	Why Safety, Intro to OSHA; <b>Intro to OSHA Activity</b>
10:15 AM	10:30 AM	15 minutes	Break
10:30 AM	11:10 AM	40 minutes	Intro to OSHA Standards
11:10 AM	12:00 PM	50 minutes	Inspections and Multiemployer Workplace & <b>Activity</b> ;
12:00 PM	1:00 PM	60 minutes	Lunch
1:00 PM	1:20 PM	20 minutes	Inspections and Multiemployer Workplace & <b>Activity</b> ; CONT
1:20 PM	1:40 PM	20 minutes	MFC Construction
1:40 PM	2:30 PM	50 minutes	Recordkeeping
2:30 PM	2:45 PM	15 minutes	Break
2:45 PM	3:00 PM	15 Minutes	<b>Recordkeeping Activity</b>
3:00 PM	4:00 PM	60 minutes	General Requirements & Safety and Health Management Programs (SHMP)
4:00 PM	4:30 PM	30 minutes	<b>1926 Workshop PT I (10 Questions)</b>

All bolded items indicate an activity that is featured on Canvas.

OSHA 510 Day 3			
Beginning Time	Ending Time	Cumulative Minutes	Topic
8:00 AM	9:00 AM	60 minutes	Scaffolding
9:00 AM	10:00 AM	60 minutes	Excavations and Trenching
10:00 AM	10:15 AM	15 minutes	Break
10:15 AM	11:00 AM	45 Minutes	Concrete and Masonry
11:00 AM	12:00 PM	60 minutes	Steel Erection
12:00 PM	1:00 PM	60 minutes	Lunch
1:00 PM	2:00 PM	60 minutes	Demolition
2:00 PM	3:00 PM	60 minutes	Stairways and Ladders
3:00 PM	3:15 PM	15 minutes	Break
3:15 PM	4:30 PM	75 minutes	Cranes and Derricks

OSHA 510 Day 2			
Beginning Time	Ending Time	Cumulative Minutes	Topic
8:00 AM	8:45 AM	45 Minutes	Occupational Health & Environmental Controls / Hazard Communication
8:45 AM	9:30 AM	45 Minutes	Fire Prevention
9:30 AM	10:00 AM	30 Minutes	Hand and Power Tools
10:00 AM	10:15 AM	15 minutes	Break
10:15 AM	10:45 AM	30 Minutes	Hand and Power Tools
10:45 AM	12:00 PM	75 Minutes	Fall Protection
12:00 PM	1:00 PM	60 minutes	Lunch
1:00 PM	1:30 PM	30 Minutes	Signs, Signals, and Barricades
1:30 PM	2:15 PM	45 minutes	Welding
2:15 PM	2:30 PM	15 minutes	Break
2:30 PM	3:45 PM	75 Minutes	Electrical and Power Transmission
3:45 PM	4:30 PM	45 Minutes	<b>1926 Workshop PT II (10 Questions)</b>

OSHA 510 Day 4			
Beginning Time	Ending Time	Cumulative Minutes	Topic
8:00 AM	9:00 AM	60 minutes	Vehicle and Rollover Protection
9:00 AM	10:00 AM	60 minutes	Materials Handling
10:00 AM	10:15 AM	10 minutes	Break
10:15 AM	11:15 AM	60 minutes	Toxic and Hazardous Substances
11:15 AM	12:00 PM	45 Minutes	PPE
12:00 PM	1:00 PM	60 minutes	Lunch
1:00 PM	2:15 PM	75 minutes	<b>75 Minutes Exam &amp; Course Evaluation.</b>
2:15 PM	3:30 PM		OPTIONAL- 75 Minutes RETEST & Course Evaluation.

## **#510 Occupational Safety and Health Standards For Construction Industry**

**Course Goal:** Given current Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standards, participants will be able to describe specific 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1926 standards requirements that protect workers from common hazards associated with construction industry workplaces.

**TO 1:** Describe the effects of workplace injuries/illnesses

- EO 1.1: Discuss prevalence, including frequent causes, of fatalities/injuries in general industry
- EO 1.2: Describe important injury reduction reasons

**TO 2:** Explain the mission, focusing on the importance, of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)

- EO 2.1: Explain major sections of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, Public Law - 91-596 (OSH Act)
- EO 2.2: Explain OSHA functions
- EO 2.3: Describe the positive impact of OSHA on worker safety and health
- EO 2.4: Describe worker rights/responsibilities
- EO 2.5: Describe employer rights/responsibilities

**TO 3:** Describe the organization of OSHA standards

- EO 3.1: Describe the system of organization for the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)
- EO 3.2: Identify major parts within Title 29 Labor
- EO 3.3: Discuss the origin of OSHA standards
- EO 3.4: Explain the codification system for general industry standards
- EO 3.5: Identify tasks for which general industry standards apply
- EO 3.6: Identify tasks for which construction standards apply
- EO 3.7: Describe criteria for legally binding standards
- EO 3.8: Explain the regulation's preamble importance
- EO 3.9: Describe the purpose of information found in OSHA Directives
- EO 3.10: Describe the purpose of information found in letters of interpretation

**TO 4:** Describe OSHA enforcement activities

- EO 4.1: Describe legal aspects of the OSH Act
- EO 4.2: Describe Part 1903 major sections
- EO 4.3: Describe OSHA's inspection process
- EO 4.4: Describe OSHA's inspection priorities
- EO 4.5: Describe various OSHA violation types
- EO 4.6: Describe OSHA's post-inspection process
- EO 4.7: Identify construction industry most frequently cited standards
- EO 4.8: Identify consensus standards commonly cited under section 5(a)(1) for construction
- EO 4.9: Describe OSHA's Focused Inspection initiative

## **#510 Occupational Safety and Health Standards For Construction Industry**

EO 4.10: Explain each type of employer on a multi-employer workplace, including responsibilities/liabilities

**TO 5:** Explain OSHA's injuries and illnesses recordkeeping requirements

EO 5.1: Discuss recordkeeping requirements

EO 5.2: Explain the use of OSHA recordkeeping forms

EO 5.3: Discuss the criteria for recordability of illnesses or injuries

EO 5.4: Calculate illness and injury rates

**TO 6:** Describe criteria that protect construction workers

EO 6.1: Explain 1926.20 (General safety and health provisions) requirements

EO 6.2: Explain 1926.21 (Safety training and education) requirements

EO 6.3: Describe the importance of safety programs

EO 6.4: Explain safety and health program guidelines

EO 6.5: Describe effective safety program major elements

EO 6.6: Explain OSHA cooperative programs (eg, alliances, strategic partnerships, voluntary protection programs)

**TO 7:** Describe specific physical safety hazard protection standards

EO 7.1: Describe general worksite hazard protection requirements

EO 7.2: Describe common fire hazard protection requirements

EO 7.3: Describe common hand and power tool hazard protection requirements

EO 7.4: Describe common fall protection hazard requirements

EO 7.5: Describe requirements pertaining to signs, signals and barricades

EO 7.6: Describe common welding hazard protection requirements

**TO 8:** Describe specific electrical safety hazard protection standards

EO 8.1: Describe common electrical hazard protection requirements

EO 8.2: Describe common power transmission and distribution hazard protection requirements

**TO 9:** Describe specific structural safety hazards protection standards

EO 9.1: Describe scaffold hazard protection requirements

EO 9.2: Describe excavation hazard protection requirements

EO 9.3: Describe concrete hazard protection requirements

EO 9.4: Describe steel erection hazards protection requirements

EO 9.5: Describe demolition hazard protection requirements

EO 9.6: Describe stairway and ladder hazard prevention requirements

**TO 10:** Describe specific mechanical safety hazard protection standards

EO 10.1: Describe motor vehicle hazard protection requirements

EO 10.2: Describe crane hazard protection requirements

EO 10.3: Describe material handling hazard prevention requirements

## **#510 Occupational Safety and Health Standards For Construction Industry**

EO 10.4: Describe rollover protective structures hazard prevention requirements

**TO 11:** Describe specific occupational health related hazard prevention standards

EO 11.1: Describe health, environmental controls hazard prevention requirements

EO 11.2: Describe personal protective equipment (PPE) hazard prevention requirements

EO 11.3: Describe toxic and hazardous substances hazard prevention requirements

**APPENDIX C: Student Exam Rules****OTI Education Center Examination Rules**

**INSTRUCTOR/TRAINER:** Read the following examination rules and distribute a copy of the Examination Rules to the students prior to any tests conducted.

**STUDENTS:** Agree to abide by the Examination Rules as read and presented.

<b>TEST TYPE and SCORING for Outreach Training Program trainer courses</b>	<b>Performance Test</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 25 specific items the student must demonstrate during the presentation of their training session.</li> <li>• 75 points are possible.</li> <li>• Passing score is 50.</li> </ul>
	<b>Knowledge Test</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multiple choice questions each worth one full point.</li> <li>• Passing score is ____ out of ____ points. (See Appendix D for passing score)</li> <li>• Alternative version (randomized questions/answers) used for any retest.</li> <li>• This is a “closed book” test, use of any student materials such as notes, manual, or CFR is prohibited, or This is an “open book” test, you may use the following reference(s) to answer test questions: _____ (See Appendix D for list of authorized reference(s).</li> </ul>
<b>STUDENT BEHAVIOR</b>	<b>Students must agree to the following:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All test documents and answer sheets are the property of the OTI Education Center delivering the course. If the student does not return the test or answer sheet they will not be eligible to earn a passing score.</li> <li>• No student will be allowed to leave the room during testing.</li> <li>• Students are allowed to have on their desks: the test and answer sheet, a writing instrument, and authorized references (if applicable).</li> <li>• Students will not be permitted to display any of the following items during the tests: notes, books, electronic communication devices, recording devices (visual or audio), calculators (including multifunctional watches), cellular phones, personal computers, or any other items deemed unauthorized by the Test Administrator.</li> <li>• During the performance test, students not presenting shall respect the student efforts by quietly participating in the presentation and completing the Peer Critique Sheet.</li> <li>• During the knowledge test, only use the answer sheet to record your answers.</li> <li>• Do not behave in any manner that would be deemed as cheating or attempting to cheat.</li> </ul>
<b>ELECTRONIC DEVICES</b>	Use of electronic devices (cell phone, pager, computer laptop, iPod, etc.) is not allowed at any time during either examination. No electronic devices and cellular phones may be displayed on the exam tables/desks. Students in violation of this rule will be removed from the test.
<b>EMERGENCY</b>	Emergency situations, follow the facilities established Emergency Procedures for the specific location.

## APPENDIX D: Course Test Data



# Objectives

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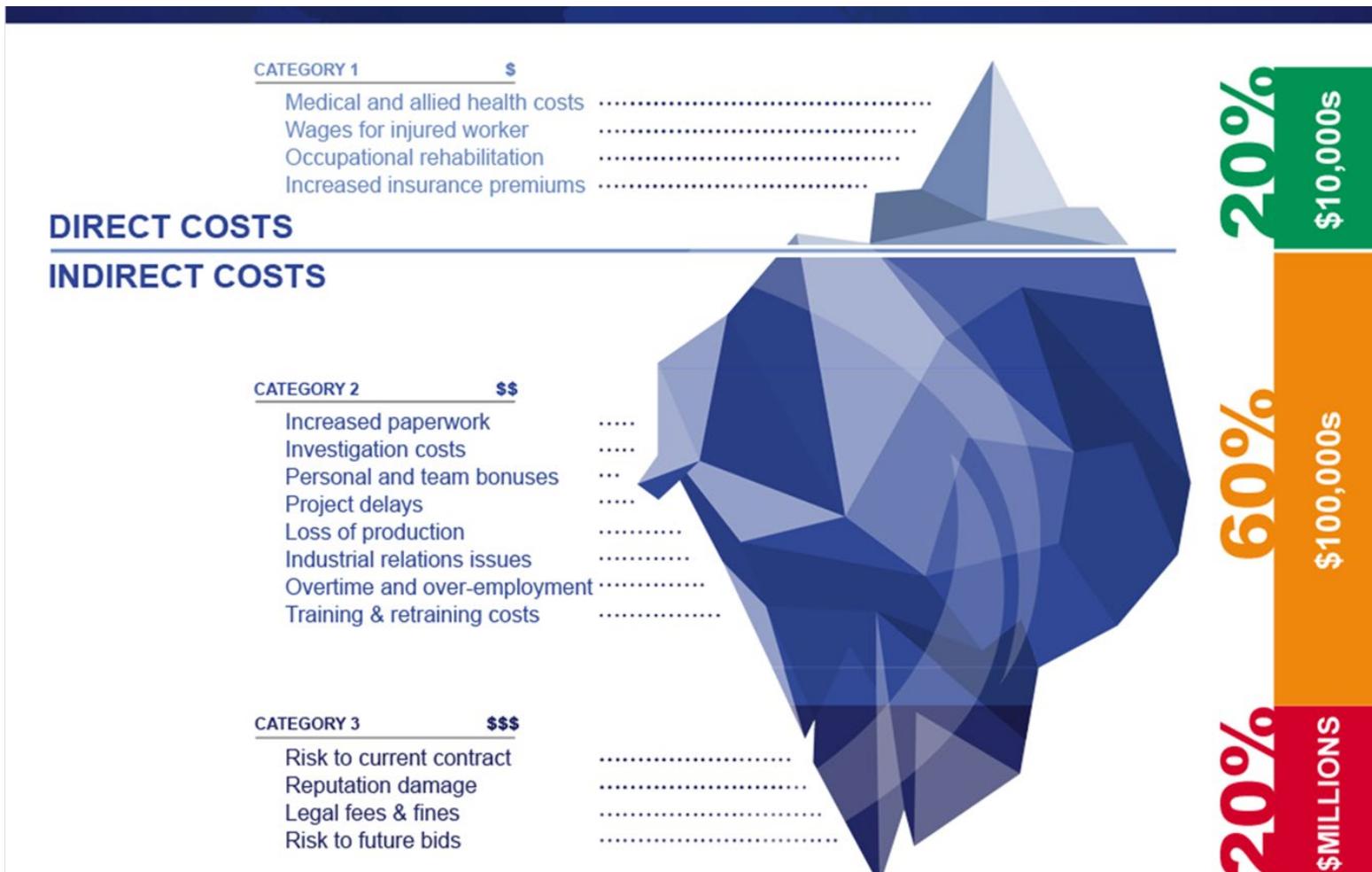
# Health and Safety Adds Value

➤ To your business, workplace, and life.

Your Business	Your Workplace	Your Life
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Saves money</li><li>• Improves productivity</li><li>• Safety and Health programs have shown to reduce injury and illness cost by 20-40%</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fewer injuries</li><li>• Often rated “better places to work”</li><li>• Have satisfied, more productive employees</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Since 1970, more than 75,000 lives have been saved and millions of injuries and illnesses have been prevented through effective occupational safety and health management systems.</li></ul>



# Why Safety?



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# Introduction to OSHA



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# Training Topics

1. OSHA's Mission
2. OSHA Standards
3. Employer Responsibilities
4. Worker Rights/ Responsibilities
5. Enforcing Standards
6. Reporting Safety Hazards
7. Whistleblower Protections
8. Worker Resources



## Topic 1

# OSHA's Mission





# Discussion

- Why was OSHA created?
- What is OSHA's mission?



# The Need for Legislation

- Workplace injuries and illnesses increasing throughout the 1960's
- Need for more comprehensive and uniform protection of nation's workers is evident
- Size of national workforce increasing, more than 90 million Americans spending their days on the job
- **In 1970, Congress considered these figures:**
  - **14,000 worker deaths**
  - **2.5 million workers disabled**
  - **300,000 new occupational disease cases**



# OSHA's Mission

- OSHA's mission is to assure America's workers have safe and healthful working conditions free from unlawful retaliation. OSHA carries out its mission by setting and enforcing standards; enforcing anti-retaliation provisions of the OSH Act and other federal whistleblower laws; providing and supporting training, outreach, education, and assistance; and ensuring state OSHA programs are at least as effective as federal OSHA, furthering a national system of worker safety and health protections.



**Job Safety and Health  
IT'S THE LAW!**

**All workers have the right to:**

- A safe workplace.
- Raise a safety or health concern with your employer or OSHA, or report a work-related injury or illness, without being retaliated against.
- Receive information and training on job hazards, including all hazardous substances in your workplace.
- Request an OSHA inspection of your workplace if you believe there are unsafe or unhealthy conditions. OSHA will keep your name confidential. You have the right to have a representative contact OSHA on your behalf.
- Participate (or have your representative participate) in an OSHA inspection and speak in private to the inspector.
- File a complaint with OSHA within 30 days (by phone, online or by mail) if you have been retaliated against for using your rights.
- See any OSHA citations issued to your employer.
- Request copies of your medical records, tests that measure hazards in the workplace, and the workplace injury and illness log.

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**Employers must:**

- Provide employees a workplace free from recognized hazards. It is illegal to retaliate against an employee for using any of their rights under the law, including raising a health and safety concern with you or with OSHA, or reporting a work-related injury or illness.
- Comply with all applicable OSHA standards.
- Report to OSHA all work-related fatalities within 8 hours, and all inpatient hospitalizations, amputations and losses of an eye within 24 hours.
- Provide required training to all workers in a language and vocabulary they can understand.
- Prominently display this poster in the workplace.
- Post OSHA citations at or near the place of the alleged violations.

FREE ASSISTANCE to identify and correct hazards is available to small and medium-sized employers, without citation or penalty, through OSHA-supported consultation programs in every state.



Have you seen this poster at your place of work?



## Topic 2

# OSHA Standards



# The Act's Industry Coverage

- Manufacturing
- Construction
- Longshoring
- Agriculture





# OSHA Standards

Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 29 is the book assigned to the Department of Labor

Part:

- 1910 is assigned to General Industry
- 1926 is assigned to Construction
- 1915,1917,1918, 1919 is assigned to Maritime
- 1904 Recordkeeping
- 1928 is assigned to Agriculture
- General Duty Clause, Section 5(a)(1)



## Not Covered

- Self-employed persons (i.e. : homeowners);
- Farms on which only immediate members of the farm employer's family are employed;
- Working conditions regulated by other federal agencies under other federal statutes. \*

\* If they have safety and health rules and execute authority over their rules

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## Topic 3

# Employer Responsibilities

**SAFETY  
IS EVERYBODY'S  
RESPONSIBILITY!**



# Employers Must Provide and Pay for PPE



## Handout #2 Employers Must Provide and Pay for PPE



### Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requires that employers protect you from workplace hazards that can cause injury or illness. Controlling a hazard at its source is the best way to protect workers. However, when engineering, work practice and administrative controls are not feasible or do not provide sufficient protection, employers must provide personal protective equipment (PPE) to you and ensure its use.

PPE is equipment worn to minimize exposure to a variety of hazards. Examples include items such as gloves, foot and eye protection, protective hearing protection (earplugs, muffs), hard hats and respirators.

#### Employer Obligations:

- ✓ Performing a "hazard assessment" of the workplace to identify and control physical and health hazards.
- ✓ Identifying and providing appropriate PPE for employees.
- ✓ Training employees in the use and care of the PPE.
- ✓ Maintaining PPE, including replacing worn or damaged PPE.
- ✓ Periodically reviewing, updating and evaluating the effectiveness of the PPE program.

#### Workers should:

- ✓ Properly wear PPE
- ✓ Attend training sessions on PPE
- ✓ Care for, clean and maintain PPE, and
- ✓ Inform a supervisor of the need to repair or replace PPE.

### Employers Must Pay for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

On May 15, 2008, a new OSHA rule about employer payment for PPE went into effect. With few exceptions, OSHA now requires employers to pay for personal protective equipment used to comply with OSHA standards. The final rule does not create new requirements regarding what PPE employers must provide.

The standard makes clear that employers cannot require workers to provide their own PPE and the worker's use of PPE they already own must be completely voluntary. Even when a worker provides his or her own PPE, the employer must ensure that the equipment is adequate to protect the worker from hazards at the workplace.



#### Examples of PPE that Employers Must Pay for Include:

- ✓ Metal-toe foot protection
- ✓ Rubber boots with steel toes
- ✓ Non-prescription eye protection
- ✓ Prescription eyewear inserts/lenses for full face respirators
- ✓ Goggles and face shields
- ✓ Fire fighting PPE (helmet, gloves, boots, proximity suits, full gear)
- ✓ Hand hats
- ✓ Hearing protection
- ✓ Welding PPE



## Handout #2 Employers Must Provide and Pay for PPE



### Payment Exceptions under the OSHA Rule

Employers are not required to pay for some PPE in certain circumstances:

- ✓ Non-specially safety-life protective footwear (including steel-toe shoes or boots) and non-prescription safety eyewear provided that the employer permits such items to be worn off the job site. (OSHA based this decision on the fact that this type of equipment is very personal, is often used outside the workplace, and that it is taken by workers from job site to job site and employer to employer.)
- ✓ Everyday clothing, such as long-sleeve shirts, long pants, street shoes, and normal work boots.
- ✓ Ordinary clothing, skin creams, or other items, used solely for protection from weather, such as winter coats, jackets, gloves, parkas, winter boots, hats, raincoats, ordinary sunglasses, and sunscreen
- ✓ Items such as hair nets and gloves worn by food workers for consumer safety.
- ✓ Utility belts because their value in protecting the back is questionable.
- ✓ When the employee has lost or intentionally damaged the PPE and it must be replaced.

### OSHA Standards that Apply:

#### OSHA General Industry PPE Standards

- ✓ 1910.132: General requirements and payment
- ✓ 1910.133: Eye and face protection
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## Topic 4

# Workers Rights/Responsibilities



# Workers Rights

## OSHA Provides Workers the Right to:

WORKERS RIGHTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A safe and healthful workplace</li><li>Know about hazardous conditions</li><li>Information about injuries and illnesses in your workplace</li><li>Complain or request hazard correction from employer</li><li>Training as provided in the OSHA standards</li><li>Hazard exposure and medical records</li><li>File a complaint with OSHA</li><li>Participate in an OSHA inspection</li><li>Be free from retaliation for exercising safety and health rights</li></ul>
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“Each employer shall furnish to each of his employees employment and a place of employment which are free from recognized hazards that are causing or are likely to cause death or serious physical harm to his employees.”



# Workers Responsibilities

- Workers should know that OSHA holds employers responsible for the safety and health conditions in the workplace and does not cite workers for violations. However,
- Section 5(b) of the OSH Act states that each employee shall comply with occupational safety and health standards and all applicable rules, regulations and orders.



## Topic 5

# Enforcing Standards



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# Purpose

OSHA enforces standards through inspections. The current budget is small —all together nationwide (with our State partners), there are only 2,400 inspectors for over 7 million workplaces. At this rate, it would take about 100 years for us to inspect every workplace once. Therefore, OSHA targets the most dangerous workplaces: industries with fatalities and serious injuries (e.g., grain handling in Colorado) and construction (i.e., falls).





# OSHA Enforcement

- Inspections
- Small Budget
- Small Staff
- Does not inspect all workplaces



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# Inspection Process

The OSHA inspection process consists of

- Opening conference
- A walkthrough
- A closing conference
- Provide results (can take up to 6 months)
- May issue citations
- May include fines
- Will include dates by which hazards must be abated





- Workers have the right to have a worker representative accompany the inspector on the inspection.
- Workers can talk to the inspector privately.
- May point out hazards, describe injuries, illnesses or near misses
- Can find out about inspection results and abatement measures and get involved in any meetings or hearings.
- Workers may also object to the date set for the violation to be corrected and be notified if the employer files a contest.



## Worker Participation



## Topic 6

# Reporting Safety Hazards



# Ways to Report Workplace Hazards

Ways to Report Workplace Hazards	
<b>Contact</b> 	Contact your team leader, supervisor, manager, safety committee, etc.
<b>Phone</b> 	Call the Regional or local office or 1-800-321-OSHA. [Provide your local office number.]
<b>Fax or Mail</b> 	Obtain the complaint form online at <a href="http://www.osha.gov">www.osha.gov</a> or from the local OSHA office.
<b>In Person</b> 	Visit the local OSHA Office. [A current list is of OSHA offices is at <a href="http://www.osha.gov">www.osha.gov</a> ]
<b>Online</b> 	File complaints online at the OSHA website at <a href="http://www.osha.gov">www.osha.gov</a>

[https://www.osha.gov/workers/file\\_complaint.html](https://www.osha.gov/workers/file_complaint.html)



# How OSHA Responds

<b>How OSHA Responds to a Complaint</b>	
<i>If the Complaint is...</i>	<i>Then OSHA will...</i>
Filed over the phone, is not signed, or is not a serious hazard	Contact the employer by phone, fax, or email
About a serious hazard	Conduct an inspection at the worksite
Written, signed and submitted to the OSHA area or State Plan office	Most likely, conduct an onsite inspection
Submitted online	Handle most complaints using the OSHA phone/fax system, which means they may even be resolved by phone



**RETALIATION AGAINST  
WORKERS IS ILLEGAL**

Section 11(c) of the *Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970* prohibits employers from retaliating against employees for exercising a variety of rights guaranteed under the OSH Act, such as filing a safety and health complaint with OSHA, raising a health and safety concern with their employers, participating in an OSHA inspection, or reporting a work-related injury or illness. OSHA vigorously enforces the anti-retaliation protections provided under 11(c) of the OSHAct and other federal statutes. For more information, see <http://www.whistleblowers.gov>.

# Topic 7

# Whistleblower Protection



# Whistleblower

## OSHA FactSheet

### Your Rights as a Whistleblower

You may file a complaint with OSHA if your employer retaliates against you by taking unfavorable personnel action because you engaged in protected activity relating to workplace safety or health, asbestos in schools, cargo containers, airline, commercial motor carrier, consumer product, environmental, financial reform, food safety, health insurance reform, motor vehicle safety, nuclear, pipeline, public transportation agency, railroad, maritime, motor vehicle safety, and securities laws.

#### Whistleblower Laws Enforced by OSHA

Each law requires that complaints be filed within a certain number of days after the alleged retaliation.

- *Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act* (180 days)
- *Clean Air Act* (30 days)
- *Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act* (180 days)
- *Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010* (180 days)
- *Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act* (180 days)
- *Energy Reorganization Act* (180 days)
- *Federal Railroad Safety Act* (180 days)
- *Federal Water Pollution Control Act* (30 days)
- *International Safe Container Act* (180 days)
- *Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act* (motor vehicle safety) (180 days)
- *National Transit Systems Security Act* (180 days)
- *Occupational Safety and Health Act* (30 days)
- *Pipeline Safety Improvement Act* (180 days)
- *Safe Drinking Water Act* (50 days)
- *Seabane-Orley Act* (180 days)
- *Seaman's Protection Act* (180 days)
- *Section 402 of the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act* (180 days)
- *Section 3508 of the Affordable Care Act* (180 days)
- *Solid Waste Disposal Act* (90 days)
- *Surface Transportation Assistance Act* (180 days)
- *Toxic Substances Control Act* (30 days)
- *Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century* (60 days)

#### Unfavorable Personnel Actions

Your employer may be found to have retaliated against you if your protected activity was a

contributing or motivating factor in its decision to take unfavorable personnel action against you. Such actions may include:

- Applying or issuing a policy which provides for an unfavorable personnel action due to activity protected by a whistleblower law enforced by OSHA
- Blacklisting
- Demoting
- Denying overtime or promotion
- Disciplining
- Denying benefits
- Failing to hire or rehire
- Firing or laying off
- Intimidation
- Making threats
- Reassignment to a less desirable position, including one adversely affecting prospects for promotion
- Reducing pay or hours
- Suspension

#### Filing a Complaint

If you believe that your employer retaliated against you because you exercised your legal rights as an employee, contact OSHA as soon as possible because you must file your complaint within the legal time limits.

An employee can file a complaint with OSHA by visiting or calling the local OSHA office or sending a written complaint to the closest OSHA regional or area office. Written complaints may be filed by facsimile, electronic communication, hand delivery during business hours, U.S. mail (confirmation services recommended), or other third-party commercial carrier. The date of the postmark, facsimile, electronic communication, telephone call, hand delivery, delivery to a third-party commercial carrier, or in-person filing at an OSHA

It is recommended that you announce and/or post:

If you have been punished or discriminated against for using your rights, you must file a complaint with OSHA within 30 days of the alleged reprisal for most complaints. No form is required, but you must send a letter or call the OSHA Area Office nearest you to report the discrimination within 30 days of the alleged discrimination.



## Topic 8

# Worker Resources





# Worker Internal Resources



- Employer or supervisor
- Co-workers and union representatives
- Safety Data Sheet (SDS)
- Labels and warning signs
- Employee orientation manuals or other training materials



# Worker Resources External



- OSHA online at: [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov) such as, OSHA Compliance Assistance Specialists in the area offices. \*
- NIOSH
- Health care providers can be a resource on the health effects of toxic substances, proper medical and first aid treatment, and other health-related issues.



# We Are OSHA We Can Help

Handout #4

Find this online at: <http://www.osha.gov/Publications/1334we-can-help-on.pdf>

**Employee responsibilities**

Employees have the responsibility to provide a safe workplace. Programs MUST provide their employees with a workplace that does not have serious hazards and failure of current OSHA safety and health standards. Employees must first assess their safety and health problems. OSHA safety and health programs are to be voluntary or mandatory. However, by making changes in working conditions rather than just relying on rules, policies, training or other types of personnel under this agreement, including in order to implement improvement processes to help control hazards, in using ventilation systems to control dust, or use of engineering controls to get rid of or reduce risks, employees can help their employers to provide a safe and healthy workplace.

**OSHA Act**

- OSHA programs about chemical hazards through training, alerts, alerts, alerts, and other systems of information about chemicals and other hazards.
- Having accurate records of work related injuries and illnesses.
- Perform tasks in the workplace, such as air sampling, required by current OSHA standards.
- Provide hearing exams or other medical exams required by OSHA standards.
- OSHA standards, injury and illness data, and the OSHA logo in the workplace, where workers will see them.
- OSHA Laws, which is a document which shows what laws are on the books and where these or more workers go to complain and for safety laws, rights under the law.

**You cannot be punished or discriminated against for using your OSHA rights**

The OSHA Act protects workers who complain to their employer, OSHA, or other government agencies about unsafe or unhealthy working conditions in the workplace or environmental problems. This cannot be threatened, denied, or taken away from your employer, or fired, or punished in any other way because you used your right given to you under the OSHA Act to protect your workplace if they believe that their employer is not following OSHA standards or laws or surface hazards.

If you have been punished or discriminated against for using your rights, you should file a complaint with OSHA within 30 days of the alleged reprisal for most employers. No later than 30 days, but you must send a letter or call 1-800-321-0742 or 274-3700, and ask to speak to the OSHA Area Office nearest you to report the discrimination.

**You have the right to a safe workplace**

The OSHA Act requires employers to keep their workers from being exposed to serious hazards if there are. You have the right to expect your employer to provide these workers with working conditions that are free of known dangers. The law creates the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), which sets and enforces protective workplace safety and health standards, and provides information, training and assistance to workers and employers. Workers may file a complaint to have OSHA inspect their workplace if they believe that their employer is not following OSHA standards or laws or surface hazards.

Contact us if you have questions or want to file a complaint. We will keep your information confidential. We are here to help you. Call our toll-free number at 1-800-321-0742 or 274-3700 or go to [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov).

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## We Can Help

### Workers' rights under the OSH Act

Workers are entitled to working conditions that do not pose a risk of serious harm. To help ensure a safe and healthy workplace, OSHA also provides workers with the right to:

- Ask OSHA to inspect their workplace, use their rights under the law without retaliation and discrimination.
- Receive information and training about hazards, methods to prevent them, and the steps employers must take to ensure a safe and healthy workplace, including methods to eliminate or reduce exposure to hazards in a language you can understand.
- Get copies of test results done to find hazards in the workplace.
- Review records of health-related injuries and illnesses, and
- Get copies of their medical records.

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**We Are OSHA**

**Workers**

Workers have the right to a safe and healthy workplace. OSHA uses programs and employees in all 50 states, as well as in Columbia, and other U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia through Federal OSHA or through OSHA-approved state plans. State and locally approved programs that are as effective as OSHA programs. The United States Postal Service is covered by OSHA.

For more information on OSHA's role:

- Call 1-800-321-0742
- Check with state members of your employer who do not employ OSHA-approved state plans.
- Check with your state's OSHA office.

For more information on OSHA's role:

OSHA Safety and Health Administration, 200 Federal Aviation Administration, 9th Floor, Suite 2000.

**OSHA standards: Protection on the job**

OSHA standards are rules that make sure that workers are protected from serious job-related hazards. These standards are designed to protect your employees from hazards. These are OSHA standards for construction work, agriculture, maritime operations, and mining.

For additional rules are use U.S. territory law OSHA approved states that cover public sector employees only.

California, New Jersey,

New York, Rhode Island,

Illinois, and Wisconsin have their own OSHA standards.

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# Workplace Stress

## Workplace Stress

The screenshot shows the homepage of a website dedicated to workplace stress. The header features a blue circular logo with a hand icon and the text "SAFE WORKPLACE GOOD HEADSPACE". To the right, the title "WORKPLACE STRESS" is displayed in large, bold, white letters, with the tagline "Make Work Better – Mental Health Matters" below it. The main content area is titled "Overview" and includes a "Statistics" section with the following bullet points:

- Nearly one in five US adults live with a mental illness<sup>2</sup>.
- Workplace stress has been reported to cause 120,000 deaths in the US each year<sup>3</sup>.

On the left, there is a sidebar with links to "Understanding the Problem" and "Guidance & Tips for Employers".

Click here to access  
complete publication. This is  
also found in the “Intro to  
OSHA Resources bookmark  
of your manual.

To access OSHA's  
Webpage for Workplace  
Stress, Click Here

The screenshot shows the "Workplace Mental Health" section of the OSHA website. The page has a dark blue header with the title "Workplace Mental Health" in white. To the right is the OSHA logo, which includes the seal of the Department of Labor and the text "OSHA Occupational Safety and Health Administration".

Mental health is an important component of overall well-being and is equally as vital as physical health for all employees. Mental health concerns due to work have the potential to adversely impact an employee's social interactions, productivity, performance, and absenteeism.



# Directions

- Go to Canvas and complete the “Intro to OSHA” quiz.





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# Job Safety and Health IT'S THE LAW!

## All workers have the right to:

- A safe workplace.
- Raise a safety or health concern with your employer or OSHA, or report a work-related injury or illness, without being retaliated against.
- Receive information and training on job hazards, including all hazardous substances in your workplace.
- Request a confidential OSHA inspection of your workplace if you believe there are unsafe or unhealthy conditions. You have the right to have a representative contact OSHA on your behalf.
- Participate (or have your representative participate) in an OSHA inspection and speak in private to the inspector.
- File a complaint with OSHA within 30 days (by phone, online or by mail) if you have been retaliated against for using your rights.
- See any OSHA citations issued to your employer.
- Request copies of your medical records, tests that measure hazards in the workplace, and the workplace injury and illness log.

## Employers must:

- Provide employees a workplace free from recognized hazards. It is illegal to retaliate against an employee for using any of their rights under the law, including raising a health and safety concern with you or with OSHA, or reporting a work-related injury or illness.
- Comply with all applicable OSHA standards.
- Notify OSHA within 8 hours of a workplace fatality or within 24 hours of any work-related inpatient hospitalization, amputation, or loss of an eye.
- Provide required training to all workers in a language and vocabulary they can understand.
- Prominently display this poster in the workplace.
- Post OSHA citations at or near the place of the alleged violations.

On-Site Consultation services are available to small and medium-sized employers, without citation or penalty, through OSHA-supported consultation programs in every state.

*This poster is available free from OSHA.*

**Contact OSHA. We can help.**





HANDOUT #2  
**Employers Must Provide and Pay for PPE**



### Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requires that employers protect you from workplace hazards that can cause injury or illness. Controlling a hazard at its source is the best way to protect workers. However, when engineering, work practice and administrative controls are not feasible or do not provide sufficient protection, employers must provide personal protective equipment (PPE) to you and ensure its use.

PPE is equipment worn to minimize exposure to a variety of hazards. Examples include items such as gloves, foot and eye protection, protective hearing protection (earplugs, muffs), hard hats and respirators.

<b>Employer Obligations</b>	<b>Workers should:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Performing a "hazard assessment" of the workplace to identify and control physical and health hazards.</li><li>✓ Identifying and providing appropriate PPE for employees.</li><li>✓ Training employees in the use and care of the PPE.</li><li>✓ Maintaining PPE, including replacing worn or damaged PPE.</li><li>✓ Periodically reviewing, updating and evaluating the effectiveness of the PPE program.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Properly wear PPE</li><li>✓ Attend training sessions on PPE</li><li>✓ Care for, clean and maintain PPE, and</li><li>✓ Inform a supervisor of the need to repair or replace PPE.</li></ul>

### Employers Must Pay for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

On May 15, 2008, a new OSHA rule about employer payment for PPE went into effect. With few exceptions, OSHA now requires employers to pay for personal protective equipment used to comply with OSHA standards. The final rule does not create new requirements regarding what PPE employers must provide.

The standard makes clear that employers cannot require workers to provide their own PPE and the worker's use of PPE they already own must be completely voluntary. Even when a worker provides his or her own PPE, the employer must ensure that the equipment is adequate to protect the worker from hazards at the workplace.



### Examples of PPE that Employers Must Pay for Include:

- Metatarsal foot protection
- Rubber boots with steel toes
- Non-prescription eye protection
- Prescription eyewear inserts/lenses for full face respirators
- Goggles and face shields
- Fire fighting PPE (helmet, gloves, boots, proximity suits, full gear)
- Hard hats
- Hearing protection
- Welding PPE



HANDOUT #2  
**Employers Must Provide and Pay for PPE**



### Payment Exceptions under the OSHA Rule

Employers are not required to pay for some PPE in certain circumstances:

- Non-specialty safety-toe protective footwear (including steel-toe shoes or boots) and non-specialty prescription safety eyewear provided that the employer permits such items to be worn off the job site. (OSHA based this decision on the fact that this type of equipment is very personal, is often used outside the workplace, and that it is taken by workers from jobsite to jobsite and employer to employer.)
- Everyday clothing, such as long-sleeve shirts, long pants, street shoes, and normal work boots.
- Ordinary clothing, skin creams, or other items, used solely for protection from weather, such as winter coats, jackets, gloves, parkas, rubber boots, hats, raincoats, ordinary sunglasses, and sunscreen
- Items such as hair nets and gloves worn by food workers for consumer safety.
- Lifting belts because their value in protecting the back is questionable.
- When the employee has lost or intentionally damaged the PPE and it must be replaced.

### OSHA Standards that Apply

#### **OSHA General Industry PPE Standards**

- 1910.132: General requirements and payment
- 1910.133: Eye and face protection
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#### Sources:

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# We Are OSHA



# We Can Help

## **Workers' rights under the OSH Act**

**Workers are entitled to working conditions that do not pose a risk of serious harm. To help assure a safe and healthful workplace, OSHA also provides workers with the right to:**

- **Ask OSHA to inspect their workplace;**
- **Use their rights under the law without retaliation;**
- **Receive information and training about hazards, methods to prevent harm, and the OSHA standards that apply to their workplace. The training must be in a language you can understand;**
- **Get copies of test results done to find hazards in the workplace;**
- **Review records of work-related injuries and illnesses; and**
- **Get copies of their medical records.**



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## Who OSHA covers

### Private sector workers

Most employees in the nation come under OSHA's jurisdiction. OSHA covers private sector employers and employees in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and other



U.S. jurisdictions either directly through Federal OSHA or through an OSHA-approved state program. State-run health and safety programs must be at least as effective as the Federal OSHA program. To find the contact information for the OSHA Federal or State Program office nearest you, call 1-800-321-OSHA (6742) or go to [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov).

### State and local government workers

Employees who work for state and local governments are not covered by Federal OSHA, but have OSH Act protections if they work in those states that have an OSHA-approved state program. The following 22 states or territories have OSHA-approved programs:

Alaska	Arizona	California
Hawaii	Indiana	Iowa
Kentucky	Maryland	Michigan
Minnesota	Nevada	New Mexico
North Carolina	Oregon	South Carolina
Tennessee	Utah	Vermont
Virginia	Washington	Wyoming
Puerto Rico		

Five additional states and one U.S. territory have OSHA-approved plans that cover public sector workers only:

Connecticut	Illinois	Maine
New Jersey	New York	Virgin Islands

Private sector workers in these five states and the Virgin Islands are covered by Federal OSHA.

## **Federal government workers**

Federal agencies must have a safety and health program that meets the same standards as private employers. Although OSHA does not fine federal agencies, it does monitor federal agencies and responds to workers' complaints. The United States Postal Service (USPS) is covered by OSHA.



## **Not covered under the OSH Act:**

- Self-employed;
- Immediate family members of farm employers who do not employ outside employees;
- Workplace hazards regulated by another federal agency (for example, the Mine Safety and Health Administration, the Department of Energy, or Coast Guard).

## **OSHA standards: Protection on the job**



OSHA standards are rules that describe the methods that employers must use to protect their employees from hazards. There are OSHA standards for Construction work, Agriculture, Maritime operations, and General

Industry, which are the standards that apply to most worksites. These standards limit the amount of hazardous chemicals workers can be exposed to, require the use of certain safe practices and equipment, and require employers to monitor hazards and keep records of workplace injuries and illnesses.

Examples of OSHA standards include requirements to provide fall protection, prevent trenching cave-ins, prevent some infectious diseases, assure that workers safely enter confined spaces, prevent exposure to harmful substances like asbestos, put guards on machines, provide respirators or other safety equipment, and provide training for certain dangerous jobs.



Employers must also comply with the General Duty Clause of the OSH Act, which *requires employers to keep their workplace free of serious recognized hazards*. This clause is generally cited when no OSHA standard applies to the hazard.

### **Workers can ask OSHA to inspect their workplace**

Workers, or their representatives, may file a complaint and ask OSHA to inspect their workplace if they believe there is a serious hazard or that their employer is not following OSHA standards. A worker can tell OSHA not to let their employer know who filed the complaint. **It is a violation of the OSH Act for an employer to fire, demote, transfer or retaliate in any way against a worker for filing a complaint or using other OSHA rights.**

Written complaints that are signed by a worker or their representative and submitted to the closest OSHA office are more likely to result in an on-site OSHA inspection. You can call 1-800-321-OSHA (6742) to request a complaint form from your local OSHA office or visit [www.osha.gov/pls/osa7/eComplaintForm.html](http://www.osha.gov/pls/osa7/eComplaintForm.html) to submit

the form online. Completed forms can also be faxed or mailed to the local OSHA office. Most complaints sent in online may be resolved informally over the phone with your employer.

When the OSHA inspector arrives, workers and their representatives have the right to:

- Go along on the inspection;
- Talk privately with the OSHA inspector; and
- Take part in meetings with the inspector and the employer before and after the inspection is conducted.

Where there is no union or employee representative, the OSHA inspector must talk confidentially with a reasonable number of workers during the course of the investigation.



When an inspector finds violations of OSHA standards or serious hazards, OSHA may issue citations and fines. A citation includes the methods an employer may use to fix a problem and the date by when the corrective actions must be completed. Workers only have the right to challenge the deadline for when a problem must be resolved. Employers, on the other hand, have the right to contest whether there is a violation or any other part of the citation. Workers or their representatives must notify OSHA that they want to be involved in the appeals process if the employer challenges a citation.

If you send in a complaint requesting an OSHA inspection, you have the right to find out the results of the OSHA inspection and request a review if OSHA does not issue citations.

## Employer responsibilities

Employers have the responsibility to provide a safe workplace. **Employers MUST provide their employees with a workplace that does not have serious hazards and must follow all OSHA safety and health standards.**

Employers must find and correct safety and health problems. OSHA further requires employers to try to eliminate or reduce hazards first by making changes in working conditions rather than just relying on masks, gloves, earplugs or other types of personal protective equipment. Switching to safer chemicals, implementing processes to trap harmful fumes, or using ventilation systems to clean the air are examples of effective ways to get rid of or minimize risks.

Employers **MUST** also:

- Prominently display the official OSHA *Job Safety and Health – It's the Law* poster that describes rights and responsibilities under the OSH Act. **This poster is free and can be downloaded from [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov).**
- Inform workers about chemical hazards through training, labels, alarms, color-coded systems, chemical information sheets and other methods.
- Provide safety training to workers in a language and vocabulary they can understand.
- Keep accurate records of work-related injuries and illnesses.
- Perform tests in the workplace, such as air sampling, required by some OSHA standards.
- Provide required personal protective equipment at no cost to workers.\*
- Provide hearing exams or other medical tests required by OSHA standards.



- Post OSHA citations and injury and illness data where workers can see them.
- Notify OSHA within 8 hours of a workplace fatality or within 24 hours of any work-related inpatient hospitalization, amputation or loss of an eye (1-800-321-OSHA [6742]).
- Not retaliate against workers for using their rights under the law, including their right to report a work-related injury or illness.

\* Employers must pay for most types of required personal protective equipment.

### **The law protects workers from retaliation when using their OSHA rights**

The OSH Act protects workers who complain to their employer, OSHA or other government agencies about unsafe or unhealthful working conditions in the workplace or environmental problems. You cannot be transferred, denied a raise, have your hours reduced, be fired, or punished in any other way because you used any right given to you under the OSH Act. Help is available from OSHA for whistleblowers.

If you have been punished or retaliated against for using your rights, you must file a complaint with OSHA **within 30 days** from the date the retaliatory decision was both made and communicated to you. No form is needed, but you must call OSHA within 30 days of the alleged retaliation at 1-800-321-OSHA (6742) and ask to speak to the OSHA area office nearest you to report the retaliation.

## You have the right to a safe workplace

**The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (OSH Act) was passed to prevent workers from being killed or seriously harmed at work. The law requires that employers provide their employees with working conditions that are free of known dangers. The Act created the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), which sets and enforces protective workplace safety and health standards. OSHA also provides information, training and assistance to workers and employers. Workers may file a complaint to have OSHA inspect their workplace if they believe that their employer is not following OSHA standards or there are serious hazards.**

**Contact us if you have questions or want to file a complaint. We will keep your information confidential. We are here to help you. Call our toll-free number at 1-800-321-OSHA (6742) or go to [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov).**



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# Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Inspections

OSHA is committed to strong, fair, and effective enforcement of safety and health requirements in the workplace. OSHA inspectors, called compliance safety and health officers, are experienced, well-trained industrial hygienists and safety professionals whose goal is to assure compliance with OSHA requirements and help employers and workers reduce on-the-job hazards and prevent injuries, illnesses, and deaths in the workplace. Normally, OSHA conducts inspections without advance notice. Employers have the right to require compliance officers to obtain an inspection warrant before entering the worksite.

## Inspection Priorities

OSHA has jurisdiction over approximately 7 million worksites. The agency seeks to focus its inspection resources on the most hazardous workplaces in the following order of priority:

**1. Imminent danger situations**—hazards that could cause death or serious physical harm receive top priority. Compliance officers will ask employers to correct these hazards immediately or remove endangered employees.

**2. Severe injuries and illnesses**—employers must report:

- All work-related fatalities within 8 hours.
- All work-related inpatient hospitalizations, amputations, or losses of an eye within 24 hours.

**3. Worker Complaints**—allegations of hazards or violations also receive a high priority. Employees may request anonymity when they file complaints.

**4. Referrals** of hazards from other federal, state or local agencies, individuals, organizations or the media receive consideration for inspection.

**5. Targeted inspections**—inspections aimed at specific high-hazard industries or individual workplaces that have experienced high rates of injuries and illnesses also receive priority.

**6. Follow-up inspections**—checks for abatement of violations cited during previous inspections are also conducted by the agency in certain circumstances.

## Phone/Fax Investigations

OSHA carefully prioritizes all complaints it receives based on their severity. For lower-priority hazards, with permission of a complainant, OSHA may telephone the employer to describe safety and health concerns, following up with a fax providing

details on alleged safety and health hazards. The employer must respond in writing within five working days, identifying any problems found and noting corrective actions taken or planned. If the response is adequate and the complainant is satisfied with the response, OSHA generally will not conduct an on-site inspection.

## On-Site Inspections

**Preparation**—Before conducting an inspection, OSHA compliance officers research the inspection history of a worksite using various data sources, review the operations and processes in use and the standards most likely to apply. They gather appropriate personal protective equipment and testing instruments to measure potential hazards.

**Presentation of credentials**—The on-site inspection begins with the presentation of the compliance officer's credentials, which include both a photograph and a serial number.

**Opening Conference**—The compliance officer will explain why OSHA selected the workplace for inspection and describe the scope of the inspection, walkaround procedures, employee representation and employee interviews. The employer then selects a representative to accompany the compliance officer during the inspection. An authorized representative of the employees, if any, also has the right to accompany an inspector. The compliance officer will consult privately with a reasonable number of employees during the inspection.

**Walkaround**—Following the opening conference, the compliance officer and the representatives will walk through the portions of the workplace covered by the inspection, inspecting for hazards that could lead to employee injury or illness. The compliance officer will also review worksite injury and illness records and the posting of the official OSHA poster.

During the walkaround, compliance officers may point out some apparent violations that can be corrected immediately. While the law requires that these hazards must still be cited, prompt correction is a sign of good faith on the part of the employer. Compliance officers try to minimize work interruptions during the inspection and will keep confidential any trade secrets observed.

**Closing Conference**—After the walkaround, the compliance officer holds a closing conference with the employer and the employee representatives to discuss the findings. The compliance officer discusses possible courses of action an employer may take following an inspection, which could include an informal conference with OSHA or contesting citations and proposed penalties. The compliance officer also discusses consultation services and employee rights.

## Results

When an inspector finds violations of OSHA standards or serious hazards, OSHA may issue citations and fines. OSHA must issue a citation and proposed penalty within six months of the violation's occurrence. Citations describe OSHA requirements allegedly violated, list any proposed penalties, and give a deadline for correcting the alleged hazards. Violations are categorized as willful, serious, other-than-serious, *de minimis*, failure to abate, and repeated. In settling a penalty, OSHA has a policy of reducing penalties for small employers and those acting in good faith. For serious violations, OSHA may also reduce the proposed penalty based on the gravity of the alleged violation. No good faith adjustment will be made for alleged willful violations. For information on penalty ranges, see [www.osha.gov/penalties](http://www.osha.gov/penalties).

## Appeals

When OSHA issues a citation to an employer, it also offers the employer an opportunity for an informal conference with the OSHA Area Director to discuss citations, penalties, abatement dates, or any other information pertinent to the inspection. The agency and the employer may work out a settlement agreement to resolve the matter and to eliminate the hazard. OSHA's primary goal is correcting hazards and maintaining compliance rather than issuing citations or collecting penalties.

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Alternatively, employers have 15 working days after receipt of citations and proposed penalties to formally contest the alleged violations and/or penalties by sending a written notice to the Area Director. OSHA forwards the contest to the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission for independent review. Alternatively, citations, penalties, and abatement dates that are not challenged by the employer or settled become a final order of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission.

## Workers' Rights

Workers have the right to:

- Working conditions that do not pose a risk of serious harm.
- Receive information and training (in a language and vocabulary the worker understands) about workplace hazards, methods to prevent them, and the OSHA standards that apply to their workplace.
- Review records of work-related injuries and illnesses.
- File a complaint asking OSHA to inspect their workplace if they believe there is a serious hazard or that their employer is not following OSHA's rules. OSHA will keep all identities confidential.
- Exercise their rights under the law without retaliation, including reporting an injury or raising health and safety concerns with their employer or OSHA. If a worker has been retaliated against for using their rights, they must file a complaint with OSHA as soon as possible, but no later than 30 days.

For additional information, see [OSHA's Workers' page](http://www.osha.gov/workers) ([www.osha.gov/workers](http://www.osha.gov/workers)).

## How to Contact OSHA

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. OSHA's role is to help ensure these conditions for America's working men and women by setting and enforcing standards, and providing training, education and assistance. For more information, visit [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov) or call OSHA at 1-800-321-OSHA (6742), TTY 1-877-889-5627.



# OSHA's Whistleblower Protection Program

OSHA's Whistleblower Protection Program enforces the provisions of more than 20 federal laws protecting employees from retaliation for, among other things, raising or reporting concerns about hazards or violations of various workplace safety and health, aviation safety, commercial motor carrier, consumer product, environmental, financial reform, food safety, health insurance reform, motor vehicle safety, nuclear, pipeline, public transportation agency, railroad, maritime, securities, tax, antitrust, and anti-money laundering laws. Employees who believe that they have experienced retaliation in violation of one of these laws may file a complaint with OSHA.

## Whistleblower Laws Enforced by OSHA

Following is a list of statutes which OSHA enforces. Each statute has a different time frame in which a complaint can be filed.

- [Anti-Money Laundering Act \(90 days\)](#)
- [Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act \(90 days\)](#)
- [Clean Air Act \(30 days\)](#)
- [Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act \(30 days\)](#)
- [Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 \(180 days\)](#)
- [Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act \(180 days\)](#)
- [Criminal Antitrust Anti-Retaliation Act \(180 days\)](#)
- [Energy Reorganization Act \(180 days\)](#)
- [Federal Railroad Safety Act \(180 days\)](#)
- [Federal Water Pollution Control Act \(30 days\)](#)  
[International Safe Container Act \(60 days\)](#)
- [Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act \(motor vehicle safety\) \(180 days\)](#)
- [National Transit Systems Security Act \(180 days\)](#)
- [Occupational Safety and Health Act \(OSH Act\) \(30 days\)](#)
- [Pipeline Safety Improvement Act \(180 days\)](#)
- [Safe Drinking Water Act \(30 days\)](#)
- [Sarbanes-Oxley Act \(180 days\)](#)
- [Seaman's Protection Act \(180 days\)](#)
- [Section 402 of the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act \(180 days\)](#)
- [Section 1558 of the Affordable Care Act \(180 days\)](#)
- [Solid Waste Disposal Act \(30 days\)](#)
- [Surface Transportation Assistance Act \(180 days\)](#)
- [Taxpayer First Act \(180 days\)](#)
- [Toxic Substances Control Act \(30 days\)](#)
- [Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century \(90 days\)](#)

## What Is Retaliation?

Retaliation is an adverse action against an employee because of activity protected by one of these whistleblower laws. Retaliation can involve several types of actions, such as:

- Firing or laying off
- Demoting
- Denying overtime or promotion
- Disciplining
- Denying benefits
- Failing to hire or rehire
- Intimidation or harassment
- Making threats
- Reassignment to a less desirable position or affecting promotion prospects
- Reducing pay or hours
- More subtle actions, such as isolating, ostracizing, mocking, or falsely accusing the employee of poor performance
- Blacklisting (intentionally interfering with an employee's ability to obtain future employment)
- Constructive discharge (quitting when an employer makes working conditions intolerable due to the employee's protected activity)
- Reporting the employee to the police or immigration authorities

## Filing a Complaint

Employees who believe that their employers retaliated against them because they engaged in protected activity should contact OSHA as soon as possible because they must file any complaint within the legal time limits.

An employee can file a complaint with OSHA by visiting or calling their local OSHA office, sending a written complaint to the closest OSHA office, or filing a complaint online. No particular form is required and complaints may be submitted in any language.

Written complaints may be filed by fax, electronic communication, hand delivery during business hours, U.S. mail (confirmation services recommended), or other third-party commercial carrier.

The date of the postmark, fax, electronic communication, telephone call, hand delivery, delivery to a third-party commercial carrier, or in-person filing at an OSHA office is considered the date filed.

To file a complaint electronically, please visit: [www.osha.gov/whistleblower/WBComplaint](http://www.osha.gov/whistleblower/WBComplaint).

To contact an OSHA area office, employees should call 1-800-321-OSHA (6742) to be connected to the closest area office or visit [www.osha.gov/contactus/bystate](http://www.osha.gov/contactus/bystate) to find local OSHA office address and contact information.

When OSHA receives a complaint, OSHA will first review it to determine whether certain basic requirements are met, such as whether the complaint was filed on time. If so, the complaint will be investigated in order to determine whether the employer retaliated against the employee for engaging in activity protected under one of OSHA's whistleblower laws. OSHA may also attempt to assist the employer and employee in reaching a settlement of the case.

Private-sector employees throughout the United States and its territories and employees of the United States Postal Service (USPS) who suffer retaliation because of occupational safety or health activity are covered by section 11(c) of the OSH Act. In addition, private-sector employees are also covered by laws in States which operate their own comprehensive occupational safety and health programs approved by Federal OSHA ("State Plans"). For information on the whistleblower provisions of the 22 State Plan States which cover private-sector employees, visit [www.osha.gov/stateplans](http://www.osha.gov/stateplans).

With the exception of employees of the USPS, public-sector employees (those employed as municipal, county, state, territorial, or federal workers) are not covered by the OSH Act. State and local government employees are covered by the whistleblower provisions of all the States with State Plans, including six States which cover only State and local government employees.

A federal employee who is not a USPS employee who wishes to file a complaint alleging retaliation due to disclosure of a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety or involving a violation of an occupational safety or health standard or regulation should contact the Office of Special Counsel ([www.osc.gov](http://www.osc.gov)). Such federal employees are also covered by their own agency's procedures for remedying such retaliation.

Public-sector employees who are unsure whether they are covered under a whistleblower law should call 1-800-321-OSHA (6742) for assistance, or visit [www.whistleblowers.gov](http://www.whistleblowers.gov).

## Results of the Investigation

If OSHA determines that retaliation in violation of the OSH Act, *Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act*, or the *International Safe Container Act* has occurred, the Secretary of Labor may sue in federal district court to obtain relief. If OSHA determines that no retaliation has occurred, it will dismiss the complaint.

Under the other whistleblower laws, if the evidence supports an employee's complaint of retaliation, OSHA will issue an order requiring the employer, as appropriate, to put the employee back to work, pay lost wages, and provide other possible relief. If the evidence does not support the employee's complaint, OSHA will dismiss the complaint. After OSHA issues a decision, the employer and/or the employee may request a full hearing before an administrative law judge of the Department of Labor. The administrative law judge's decision may be appealed to the Department's Administrative Review Board (ARB); in significant cases the Secretary of Labor may review the ARB decision. Aggrieved parties may seek review of final DOL decisions by the courts of appeals.

Under some of the laws, an employee may file the retaliation complaint in federal district court if the Department has not issued a final decision within a specified number of days (180, 210 or 365 depending on the law).

## To Get Further Information

To obtain more information on whistleblower laws, go to [www.whistleblowers.gov](http://www.whistleblowers.gov).

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HANDOUT #2  
**Employers Must Provide and Pay for PPE**



### Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requires that employers protect you from workplace hazards that can cause injury or illness. Controlling a hazard at its source is the best way to protect workers. However, when engineering, work practice and administrative controls are not feasible or do not provide sufficient protection, employers must provide personal protective equipment (PPE) to you and ensure its use.

PPE is equipment worn to minimize exposure to a variety of hazards. Examples include items such as gloves, foot and eye protection, protective hearing protection (earplugs, muffs), hard hats and respirators.

<b>Employer Obligations</b>	<b>Workers should:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Performing a "hazard assessment" of the workplace to identify and control physical and health hazards.</li><li>✓ Identifying and providing appropriate PPE for employees.</li><li>✓ Training employees in the use and care of the PPE.</li><li>✓ Maintaining PPE, including replacing worn or damaged PPE.</li><li>✓ Periodically reviewing, updating and evaluating the effectiveness of the PPE program.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Properly wear PPE</li><li>✓ Attend training sessions on PPE</li><li>✓ Care for, clean and maintain PPE, and</li><li>✓ Inform a supervisor of the need to repair or replace PPE.</li></ul>

### Employers Must Pay for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

On May 15, 2008, a new OSHA rule about employer payment for PPE went into effect. With few exceptions, OSHA now requires employers to pay for personal protective equipment used to comply with OSHA standards. The final rule does not create new requirements regarding what PPE employers must provide.

The standard makes clear that employers cannot require workers to provide their own PPE and the worker's use of PPE they already own must be completely voluntary. Even when a worker provides his or her own PPE, the employer must ensure that the equipment is adequate to protect the worker from hazards at the workplace.



### Examples of PPE that Employers Must Pay for Include:

- Metatarsal foot protection
- Rubber boots with steel toes
- Non-prescription eye protection
- Prescription eyewear inserts/lenses for full face respirators
- Goggles and face shields
- Fire fighting PPE (helmet, gloves, boots, proximity suits, full gear)
- Hard hats
- Hearing protection
- Welding PPE



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### Payment Exceptions under the OSHA Rule

Employers are not required to pay for some PPE in certain circumstances:

- Non-specialty safety-toe protective footwear (including steel-toe shoes or boots) and non-specialty prescription safety eyewear provided that the employer permits such items to be worn off the job site. (OSHA based this decision on the fact that this type of equipment is very personal, is often used outside the workplace, and that it is taken by workers from jobsite to jobsite and employer to employer.)
- Everyday clothing, such as long-sleeve shirts, long pants, street shoes, and normal work boots.
- Ordinary clothing, skin creams, or other items, used solely for protection from weather, such as winter coats, jackets, gloves, parkas, rubber boots, hats, raincoats, ordinary sunglasses, and sunscreen
- Items such as hair nets and gloves worn by food workers for consumer safety.
- Lifting belts because their value in protecting the back is questionable.
- When the employee has lost or intentionally damaged the PPE and it must be replaced.

### OSHA Standards that Apply

#### OSHA General Industry PPE Standards

- 1910.132: General requirements and payment
- 1910.133: Eye and face protection
- 1910.134: Respiratory protection
- 1910.135: Head protection
- 1910.136: Foot protection
- 1910.137: Electrical protective devices
- 1910.138: Hand protection

#### OSHA Construction PPE Standards

- 1926.28: Personal protective equipment
- 1926.95: Criteria for personal protective equipment
- 1926.96: Occupational foot protection
- 1926.100: Head protection
- 1926.101: Hearing protection
- 1926.102: Eye and face protection
- 1926.103: Respiratory protection

There are also PPE requirements in shipyards and marine terminals and many standards on specific hazards, such as 1910.1030: Bloodborne pathogens and 1910.146: Permit-required confined spaces.

OSHA standards are online at [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov).

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# THE OSHA® RULEMAKING PROCESS



## Acronym Definition

ACCSH	Advisory Committee on Construction Safety and Health
ANPR	Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
GAO	Government Accountability Office
MACOSH	Maritime Advisory Committee for Occupational Safety and Health
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
RFI	Request for Information
SBA	Small Business Administration
SBREFA	Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act

# Workplace Mental Health



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**Mental health** is an important component of overall well-being and is equally as vital as physical health for all employees. Mental health concerns due to work have the potential to adversely impact an employee's social interactions, productivity, performance, and absenteeism.

**Stress** affects people in a variety of ways such as muscle tension, headaches, stomach discomfort, high blood pressure, and heart disease. Ignoring workplace stress can have lasting harmful effects on individuals, families, co-workers, and communities.

## Traumatic Events

Sometimes a shocking, scary, or dangerous experience can be so intense that it can have an emotional, cognitive, behavioral, and physical impact on a person. Some examples of traumatic events that can happen in workplaces are:

- Explosions or chemical releases
- Building, crane, or other equipment collapses
- Co-workers being injured or dying on the job
- Abuse or assault of a co-worker or client

It is normal to feel terrified during and after a traumatic event. This is part of the body's "fight or flight" response to possible danger.

Traumatic events can happen to workers in all industries.

After experiencing a traumatic event people may:

- Feel anxious, sad, or angry
- Have terrifying thoughts or flashbacks
- Have recurring nightmares

- Be confused or unable to think clearly
- Have a hard time falling and staying asleep
- Frighten easily



If these symptoms continue long after the event or affect day-to-day life, they can be signs of acute stress disorder, or post-traumatic stress disorder. Both require professional help to address.

## Substance Use Disorder

Substance use disorder is a persistent desire for substances even in the face of negative consequences. Some people come to rely on opioids, stimulants, alcohol, or other substances even when the substances cause harm. People may develop a dependence on drugs, including prescription medications, and alcohol for many reasons, including the presence of other mental health conditions, chronic pain, or injuries. Regardless of the underlying reason, substance use disorder can be treated and controlled.



### MAY

Mental Health Awareness Month

### JUNE

Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month

### SEPTEMBER

National Suicide Prevention Month  
National Recovery Month

## Suicide

Suicide can touch anyone, anywhere, at any time. But it is not inevitable. Help is available.

According to the CDC<sup>1,2</sup>

- More than 12 million adults seriously think about suicide each year.
- More than 3 million adults make a plan to commit suicide each year.
- More than 1 million adults attempt suicide each year.
- More than 48,000 people die by suicide in the United States each year.

People of any age, gender, and background can have thoughts of suicide. Untreated mental health conditions can lead to these thoughts and even suicidal actions. That is why it is important to provide resources and encourage people to get help when they are having mental health concerns, experiencing traumatic events, or battling substance use disorders.



Certain factors may increase an individual's risk of developing suicidal thoughts and attempting suicide such as:

- Mental health conditions like depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, anxiety disorders, and substance use disorders

- Traumatic events
- Health issues like chronic pain or illness
- Prolonged stress
- Recent tragedy or loss
- Criminal or legal problems
- Job loss or financial problems
- Substance use disorder
- Childhood trauma
- Domestic violence

## References

1. [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(2021\)](#)
2. [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Statistics \(2021\)](#)

## Resources

Employers can help change the stigma of mental health by prioritizing it as part of their workplace culture, having conversations about it, and knowing how to support those workers who say they need assistance. [Workplace Stress - Overview | Occupational Safety and Health Administration \(osha.gov\)](#)

- [OSHA Suicide Prevention in Construction](#)
- [OSHA Workplace Stress](#)
- [Call or text 988 for free, confidential crisis counseling anytime, 24/7](#)
- [Text a counselor at 838255 for Veterans Crisis Line](#)
- [Text Talk to 741741 for English](#)
- [Text Ayuda to 741741 for Spanish](#)

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# Introduction to OSHA Standards

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# Objectives

Upon the successful completion of this module, participants will be able to:

TO 3: Describe the organization of OSHA standards

- EO 3.1: Describe the system of organization for the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)
- EO 3.2: Identify major parts within Title 29 Labor
- EO 3.3: Discuss the origin of OSHA standards
- EO 3.4: Explain the codification system for general industry standards
- EO 3.5: Identify tasks for which general industry standards apply
- EO 3.6: Identify tasks for which construction standards apply
- EO 3.7: Describe criteria for legally binding standards
- EO 3.8: Explain the regulation's preamble importance
- EO 3.9: Describe the purpose of information found in OSHA Directives
- EO 3.10: Describe the purpose of information found in letters of interpretation



# Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)



- A system of organization for the general and permanent rules published in the Federal Register by the Executive departments and agencies of the Federal Government
- The CFR is divided into 50 titles which cover broad areas subject to Federal regulation

Code of Federal Regulations



# Code of Federal Regulations



- Federal laws passed by different branches of government
- Regulations are first published or revised in the **Federal Register**
- The Code of Federal Regulations is updated annually to incorporate revisions and new regulations
- OSHA (including General Industry) regulations are updated each July 1st



# Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)

- Some examples of the different titles and what they cover:
  - Title 3 The President
  - Title 10 Energy
  - Title 21 Food and Drugs
  - Title 23 Highways
  - Title 26 Internal Revenue
  - **Title 29 Labor\***
  - Title 34 Education
  - Title 39 Postal Service Department
  - Title 40 Protection of Environment
  - Title 49 Transportation



# Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)

- **Title 29** is reserved for **Labor**
- Titles are divided into **chapters** which bear the name of the issuing agency
- The Occupational Safety and Health Administration is designated Title 29-Labor, Chapter XVII
- Each chapter is subdivided into parts covering specific regulatory areas





# Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)

Some parts within Title 29 that we should know include:

- Part 1903            INSPECTIONS, CITATIONS AND PROPOSED PENALTIES
- Part 1904            RECORDING AND REPORTING OCCUPATIONAL INJURIES AND ILLNESSES
- Part 1910            OSHA GENERAL INDUSTRY REGULATIONS
- **Part 1926            OSHA Construction Regulations**
- Part 1915            OSHA Maritime Regulations



# Origin of OSHA Standards

Many OSHA standards were originally developed from three sources:

- **Consensus standards**
- **Proprietary standards**
- **Federal laws already in effect**



# Consensus Standards

- Developed by industry-wide standard developing organizations:
  - American National Standards Institute (ANSI)
  - National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)
- Discussed and substantially agreed upon through member consensus
- Consensus standards are national in scope
- Developed by a committee of experts within a particular field
- ANSI rules provide for the development of standards through subject subcommittees





# Example of Proprietary Standards

- Examples of other associations
  - American Industrial Hygiene Association
  - American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH)



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# Pre-Existing Federal Law

Some preexisting federal laws were enforced prior to OSHA including:

- Federal Supply Contracts Act (Walsh-Healey)
- Federal Service Contracts Act (McNamara-O'Hara)





# Standards Development

- OSHA can begin standards-setting procedures on its own initiative, or in response to petitions from other parties, including:
- **Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS);**
- **National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH);**
- **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA);**



**NIOSH**





# Standards Development

- Additionally:
  - State and local governments;
  - Standards-producing organization;
  - Employer or labor representatives, or;
  - Any other interested person.





# Horizontal and Vertical Standards

- Some standards are horizontal meaning “general”, or “across the board”
- Horizontal standards could apply to ***any employer in any industry***
- Examples of horizontal standards include the Hazard Communication Standard which cover the safe use of hazardous chemicals by workers who use them in the workplace



# Horizontal and Vertical Standards

- Vertical standards are specific only to a particular industry:
  - Welding and Cutting (1926.350)
- Standards that apply to the special industries covered in Subpart R of 1910 are examples of vertical standards, these include:
  - Pulp, paper, and paperboard mills (1910.261)
  - Textiles (1910.262)
  - Sawmills (1910.265)
  - Logging operations (1910.266)





# Title 29 Chapter XVII

- Title 29, Chapter XVII is set aside for OSHA
- The regulations are broken down into Parts
- **Part 1926, contains the “Construction Industry” Regulations**
- Each Part is then broken into major Subparts
  - There are 28 subparts of the 1926 regulations.

**ECFR CONTENT**

	Part / Section
▼ <b>Title 29</b> Labor	100 – 4999
▼ <b>Subtitle B</b> Regulations Relating to Labor	1900 – 1999
▼ <b>Chapter XVII</b> Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor	
▼ <b>Part 1926</b> Safety and Health Regulations for Construction	1926.1 – 1926.1443
▶ <b>Subpart A</b> General	1926.1 – 1926.6
▶ <b>Subpart B</b> General Interpretations	1926.10 – 1926.16
▶ <b>Subpart C</b> General Safety and Health Provisions	1926.20 – 1926.35
▶ <b>Subpart D</b> Occupational Health and Environmental Controls	1926.50 – 1926.66
▶ <b>Subpart E</b> Personal Protective and Life Saving Equipment	1926.95 – 1926.107
▶ <b>Subpart F</b> Fire Protection and Prevention	1926.150 – 1926.155
▶ <b>Subpart G</b> Signs, Signals, and Barricades	1926.200 – 1926.201
▶ <b>Subpart H</b> Materials Handling, Storage, Use, and Disposal	1926.250 – 1926.252
▶ <b>Subpart I</b> Tools - Hand and Power	1926.300 – 1926.307
▶ <b>Subpart J</b> Welding and Cutting	1926.350 – 1926.354
▶ <b>Subpart K</b> Electrical	1926.400 – 1926.449
▶ <b>Subpart L</b> Scaffolds	1926.450 – 1926.454
▶ <b>Subpart M</b> Fall Protection	1926.500 – 1926.503
▶ <b>Subpart N</b> Helicopters, Hoists, Elevators, and Conveyors	1926.550 – 1926.555
▶ <b>Subpart O</b> Motor Vehicles, Mechanized Equipment, and Marine Operations	1926.600 – 1926.606
▶ <b>Subpart P</b> Excavations	1926.650 – 1926.652
▶ <b>Subpart Q</b> Concrete and Masonry Construction	1926.700 – 1926.706
▶ <b>Subpart R</b> Steel Erection	1926.750 – 1926.761
▶ <b>Subpart S</b> Underground Construction, Caissons, Cofferdams and Compressed Air	1926.800 – 1926.804
▶ <b>Subpart T</b> Demolition	1926.850 – 1926.860
▶ <b>Subpart U</b> Blasting and the Use of Explosives	1926.900 – 1926.914
▶ <b>Subpart V</b> Electric Power Transmission and Distribution	1926.950 – 1926.968
▶ <b>Subpart W</b> Rollover Protective Structures; Overhead Protection	1926.1000 – 1926.1003
▶ <b>Subpart X</b> Stairways and Ladders	1926.1050 – 1926.1060
▶ <b>Subpart Y</b> Diving	1926.1071 – 1926.1091
▶ <b>Subpart Z</b> Toxic and Hazardous Substances	1926.1100 – 1926.1153
▶ <b>Subpart AA</b> Confined Spaces in Construction	1926.1200 – 1926.1213
▶ <b>Subpart BB</b> [Reserved]	
▶ <b>Subpart CC</b> Cranes and Derricks in Construction	1926.1400 – 1926.1443

**Appendix A to Part 1926**

Designations for General Industry Standards Incorporated Into  
Body of Construction Standards



# Standards Adoption

- When OSHA plans to propose, amend, or revoke a standard, it publishes its intentions in the ***Federal Register***
  - Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
  - Request for Information
- Provides time for the public to respond
- Sets up public hearings





# Standards Adoption

- An "Advance Notice" or a "Request for Information" is used, when necessary, to solicit information that can be used in drafting a proposed standard
- Usually provide 60 days or more for the public to respond
- Public hearings are then scheduled.





# Standards Adoption

After the close of the comment period and public hearing, if one is held, OSHA must publish in the *Federal Register*:

- The full, final text of any standard amended or adopted and
- The date it becomes effective,
- An explanation of the standard and the reasons for implementing it.



# Appealing a Standard

- May file a petition (within 60 days of the rule's promulgation) for judicial review of the standard with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the circuit in which the objector lives or has his or her principal place of business.
- Filing an appeals petition will not delay the enforcement of a standard, unless the Court of Appeals specifically orders it.



# Advisory Committees

- If OSHA determines that a specific standard is needed, any of several advisory committees may be called upon to develop specific recommendations.
- There are two standing committees
- All advisory committees must have members representing management, labor and state agencies.
- H&S professions and the general public also may be represented.



# Part 1926 Major Subparts

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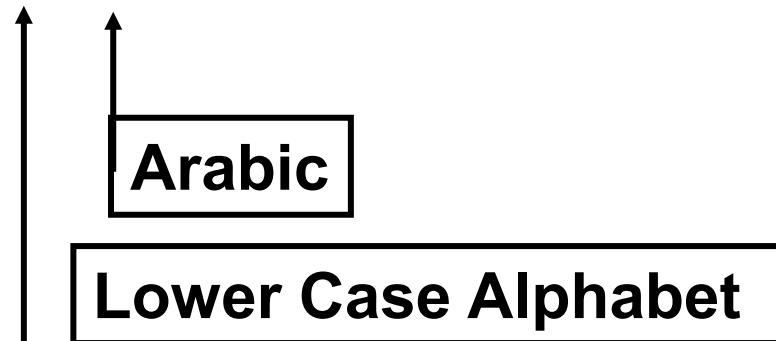
# Reading Standards

- **29 CFR 1926.150(c)(1)(vii)**
  - **29** United States Code Title
  - **CFR** Code of Federal Regulations
  - **1910** Part - Part 1926 covers Construction Industry
  - **150** Section Number  
{Section 150 falls under Subpart F; Fire protection}



# Reading Standards

- **29 CFR 1910.120(e)(2)(vii)**



- Following the Section number are Major Topic Paragraphs, they are denoted with parentheses and a lower-case alphabet
- (c) Major Topic Paragraph; “Portable Firefighting Equipment”
- (1) Paragraph Subsection; “Fire Extinguishers and small hose lines.”



# Reading Standards

- 29 CFR 1910.120(e)(2)(vii)

Lower Case Roman



- The next subdivision uses lower case roman numeral
- If this section continued the fourth set of parentheses would use a capital letter
  - Example 1910.120(e)(2)(vii)(A)



# Standard Interpretations

OSHA requirements are set by statute, standards and regulations. Our interpretation letters explain these requirements and how they apply to particular circumstances, but they cannot create additional employer obligations. This letter constitutes OSHA's interpretation of the requirements discussed. Note that our enforcement guidance may be affected by changes to OSHA rules. Also, from time to time we update our guidance in response to new information. To keep apprised of such developments, you can consult OSHA's website at <https://www.osha.gov>.

U.S. Department of Labor      Assistant Secretary for  
Occupational Safety and Health  
Washington, D.C. 20210



June 25, 2015

**MEMORANDUM FOR:** REGIONAL ADMINISTRATORS  
STATE DESIGNNEES  
**FROM:** DOROTHY DOUGHERTY  
Deputy Assistant Secretary  
**SUBJECT:** Inspection Guidance for Inpatient Healthcare Settings

This memorandum establishes guidance for inspections conducted in inpatient healthcare settings, North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Major Groups 622 (hospitals) and 623 (nursing and residential care facilities). All such inspections, programmed and unprogrammed, will cover the focus hazards included in the recently-concluded National Emphasis Program - Nursing and Residential Care Facilities, CPL 03-00-016 (NH-NEP):

- Musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs) relating to patient or resident handling,
- Workplace violence (WPV),
- Bloodborne pathogens (BBP),
- Tuberculosis (TB), and
- Slips, trips and falls (STFs).

These focus hazards will be addressed in addition to other hazards that may be the subject of the inspection or brought to the attention of the compliance officer during the inspection. The goal of this policy is to significantly reduce overexposures to these hazards through a combination of enforcement, compliance assistance, and outreach.

**Background:** The U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and OSHA's inspection history with the NH NEP have shown that

These letters provide guidance to clarify the application of an established OSHA standard, policy, or procedure, but they may not, in themselves, establish or revise OSHA policy or procedure or interpret the OSH Act. They must specifically cite the source policy or procedure document they interpret.



# OSHA NOTICE

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

**DIRECTIVE NUMBER:** STD 01-01-006**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 25, 2022**SUBJECT:** Cancellation of STD 01-01-006, October 30, 1978.

## ABSTRACT

**Purpose:**

This Notice cancels OSHA STD 01-01-006, Clearance of Handrails and Railings -- General Industry, dated October 30, 1978 due to the issuance of the final rule for Walking-Working Surfaces, published on November 18, 2016.

**Scope:**

OSHA-wide.

**References:**

OSHA STD 01-01-006, Clearance of Handrails and Railings -- General Industry, dated October 30, 1978.

Walking-Working Surfaces Standard, [81 FR 82981](#), November 18, 2016.

**Cancellations:**

OSHA STD 01-01-006, Clearance of Handrails and Railings -- General Industry, dated October 30, 1978.

# Compliance Directives

OSHA Compliance Directives (CPLs) are written instructions providing compliance policies and enforcement procedures on certain subjects, such as compliance with and enforcement of specific OSHA standards, or procedures to implement specific emphasis programs to target particular hazards. These policies are intended to ensure uniform/consistent enforcement by OSHA's field offices.



# Questions for Review

1. When do horizontal standards apply?
2. What are vertical standards?
3. What are OSHA directives and what are their purpose?



# OSHA Inspections, Citations, & Multi-Employer Wksites



# Lesson Objectives

Explain the application of the Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Act, including OSHA's process/policy for inspections in the construction industry.

- EO 6.1: Discuss OSHA background information including its purpose, coverage, and provisions (i.e., Introduction to OSHA).
- EO 6.2: Explain the OSHA inspection process, including the priorities for inspection and penalties.
- EO 6.3: Describe the meaning of the General Duty Clause.
- EO 6.4: Recognize current OSHA citation trends in construction workplaces.
- EO 6.5: Discuss OSHA multi-employer inspection and citation policy.
- EO 6.6: Describe the Focused Inspection Initiative.
- EO 6.7: Locate additional resources (e.g., directives, letters of interpretations, safety and health topic pages, eTools) regarding application of OSHA regulations.
- EO 6.8: Discuss the methods and visual aids used to teach this module.



# OSHA's Mission

- The mission of OSHA is to assure safe and healthful working conditions for working men and women by setting and enforcing standards and by providing training, outreach, education and assistance.



# What Rights Do You Have Under OSHA?

- You have the right to:
  - A safe and healthful workplace
  - Know about hazardous chemicals
  - Report injury to employer
  - Complain or request hazard correction from employer
  - Training
  - Hazard exposure and medical records
  - File a complaint with OSHA
  - Participate in an OSHA inspection
  - Be free from retaliation for exercising safety and health rights



# Background 1903.1

- OSH Act Part 1903-
  - Rules about general policies for enforcement of inspection, citation, and proposed penalty provisions of the Act.



# General Info

Employers must post notice about employee rights and how to contact Department of Labor. Posting must be clean, and in a general place.



**All workers have the right to:**

- A safe workplace.
- Raise a safety or health concern with your employer or OSHA, or report a work-related injury or illness, without being retaliated against.
- Receive information and training on job hazards, including all hazardous substances in your workplace.
- Request a confidential OSHA inspection of your workplace if you believe there are unsafe or unhealthy conditions. You have the right to have a representative contact OSHA on your behalf.
- Participate (or have your representative participate) in an OSHA inspection and speak in private to the inspector.
- File a complaint with OSHA within 30 days by phone, online or by mail if you have been retaliated against for using your rights.
- See any OSHA citations issued to your employer.
- Request copies of your medical records, tests that measure hazards in the workplace, and the workplace injury and illness log.

*This poster is available free from OSHA.*

**Employers must:**

- Provide employees a workplace free from recognized hazards. It is illegal to retaliate against an employee for using any of their rights under the law, including raising a health and safety concern with you or with OSHA, or reporting a work-related injury or illness.
- Comply with all applicable OSHA standards.
- Notify OSHA within 8 hours of a workplace fatality or within 24 hours of any work-related inpatient hospitalization, amputation, or loss of an eye.
- Provide required training to all workers in a language and vocabulary they can understand.
- Prominently display this poster in the workplace.
- Post OSHA citations at or near the place of the alleged violations.

On-Site Consultation services are available to small and medium-sized employers, without citation or penalty, through OSHA-supported consultation programs in every state.



**Contact OSHA. We can help.**



# Authority for Inspection

- Authority granted by Section 8 of The Act
- CSHO's can enter workplaces and conduct inspections where employees are working
- Inspect and investigate conditions equipment, structures, machines and materials
- To question owners, employees or representatives
- To review records required by the act or directly pertinent to the inspection



# OSHA Inspections





# Inspections - OSHA's Rights

8(a); OSHA representatives are authorized to:

- (1) enter without delay, at reasonable times, &
- (2) inspect during regular working hours and at reasonable times and;
- (3) To question privately employers and employees



# 1903.6 Advance Notice of Inspections

- Advance notice of inspections is not given except:
  - Imminent danger
  - Off-hour inspections
  - To assure the presence of necessary personnel
  - Special circumstances determined by the Area Director



Penalty for unauthorized notice, up to \$ 1,000, six months, or both



# Inspection Process





# Inspection Process-

## Pre-Inspection

- Compliance officer (CO) becomes familiar with facility
- History
- Nature of business
- Relevant standards
- IH equipment selection



# Inspector's Credentials

- Inspection begins when C.O. arrives at facility
- Displays credentials
- Employers should always ask to see ID
- USDOL with photo and serial number
- Employer should verify by phoning OSHA



# Inspection Process

- After credentials are presented there are three steps of the inspection process:
  - Opening Conference
  - Walk Around Inspections
  - Closing Conference.



# Opening Conference



- CSHO explains why facility was selected
- Explains purpose of visit, inspection scope and applicable standards
- Complaint copies distributed
- Employee representative may be summoned



# Walk Around Inspection/ Inspection Tour

- Route and duration determined by CSHO
- Consults with employees
- Photos
- Instrument readings
- Examine records



# Walk Around Inspection/ Inspection Tour

- CHSO will point out unsafe conditions observed & possible corrective action if employer requests
- Apparent violations can be corrected immediately
- May still result in citation



# Closing Conference

- Discussion of problems, questions and answers
- Discussion of recommended citations
- Time needed for abatement
- Only Area Director issues citations and assess \$\$\$ amounts



# Focused Inspections





# Introduction

- The Focused Inspections Initiative became effective October 1, 1994.
- Recognizes the efforts of responsible contractors.



# Focused Inspections

- Allows compliance officers to spend less time with companies that have strong safety programs, and more time with companies that do not.
- You must have a written safety program, implemented by a competent person, to qualify.
- Results in shortened inspection process.



# Introduction

- The CSHO will conduct comprehensive inspections only on those projects where there is inadequate contractor commitment to safety and health.



# Focused Inspection Guidelines

- CSHO determines whether or not there is project coordination by the general contractor & prime contractor
- Conducts a brief review of the project's safety and health program / plan to determine whether or not the project qualifies for a Focused Inspection.



# Focusing Inspections

- Additional information about Focused Inspections can be found at  
<https://www.osha.gov/laws-regs/standardinterpretations/1994-08-22-0>



# 1903.14 Citations

- Area Director reviews CSHO's inspection report
- Six-month limit to issue citation following occurrence of alleged violation
- Citations will describe violation of The Act, standards, etc..



# Multi-Employer Worksite

Under the Multi-Employer Citation Policy, CPL 2-0.124<sup>1</sup> (the Multi-Employer Policy), "more than one employer may be citable for a hazardous condition that violates an OSHA standard." Any employer that exposes one of its employees to the hazards created by an unsafe condition may be subject to an OSHA citation. In situations where an employer's own employees are not exposed to a hazard, that employer may still be subject to OSHA coverage if the employer qualifies as a "creating," "correcting," or "controlling" employer.



# Employer Types

## The Creating Employer

- The employer who creates the hazard.



## The Exposing Employer

- An employer whose own employees are exposed to the hazard.





## The Correcting Employer

- An employer who is engaged in a common undertaking, on the same worksite, as the exposing employer and is responsible for correcting a hazard.

## The Controlling Employer

- The employer who is responsible, by contract or through actual practice, for safety and health conditions on the worksite; i.e., the employer who has the authority for ensuring that the hazardous condition is corrected.



# Exposing Employer Legitimate Defense

- The employer did not create the hazard.
- The employer did not have the responsibility or the authority to have the hazard corrected.
- The employer did not have the ability to correct or remove the hazard.
- The employer can demonstrate that the creating, the controlling and/or the correcting employers, as appropriate, have been specifically notified as the hazard to which his/her employees are exposed.



# Exposing Employer Legitimate Defense

- The employer has instructed his/her employees to recognize the hazard and
- Where feasible, an exposing employer must have taken appropriate alternative means of protecting employees from the hazard.
- When extreme circumstances justify it, the exposing employer shall remove his/her employees from the job to avoid citation.



# Exposing Employer Legitimate Defense

- Contractors and subcontractors can make their own arrangements regarding who will do things such as; installing guardrails or providing drinking water, however:
- Under no circumstance is the Prime Contractor relieved of overall responsibility for safety (1926.16).



# Who Receives Citations?

- Employer's responsibility to provide a safe and healthful workplace
- Multi-employer worksites
  - Creating employer
  - Exposing employer
  - Correcting employer
  - Controlling employer





# Follow-up Inspections

- Determines whether previously cited violations have been corrected.
- “Notification of Failure to Abate”



# Appeals Process - Employees

- Employees may request informal review
- Employees can contest abatement time-frame
- Employees may request informal conference to discuss inspections, citations, employer notice of intent to contest



# Appeals Process - Employers

- Employers can request informal conference
- Area Director authorized to enter into settlement agreements that revise citations





# The Appeal Process

- Submit Notice of Intent to Contest
  - Within 15 working days after receipt of citation and notification of penalty
  - Clearly state what is being contested
- Case in litigation





# Petition for Modification of Abatement

- Employers written petition to extent abatement time for conditions beyond their control
- Includes steps taken, how much additional time, temporary steps



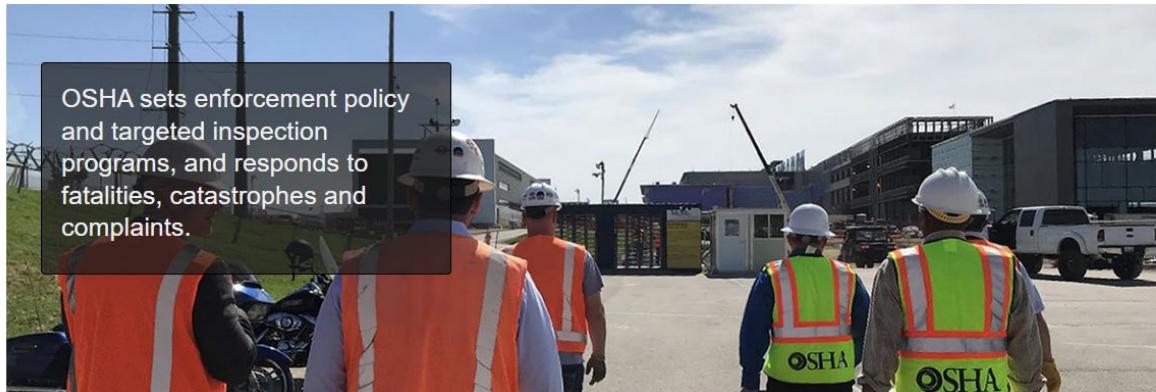


# Notice of Contest

- 15 days to notify Area Director in writing
- Copy given to employee representative
- Or posted in prominent location



## Additional information about the inspection process can be found on the Enforcement Page



### Inspections and Penalties

- [About Inspections](#)
- [Inspections Fact Sheet](#)

### Policy and Guidance

- [Enforcement Memos](#)
- [Compliance Directives](#)

### Compliance Assistance

- [Industry Resources](#)
- [Employee Help](#)



# Inspection Priorities

- *Imminent Danger*, given top priority
- Employees notify employer of imminent danger
- If no action taken, notify OSHA



# Inspection Priorities

- *Catastrophes and Fatal Accidents,* given second priority





# Inspection Priorities

- *Employee Complaints*, Third priority
- Referrals from employees & outside agencies of unsafe or unhealthful conditions
- Informal review available for decisions not to inspect
- Confidentiality is maintained on request



# Inspection Priorities

- *Programmed High-Hazard Inspections*, given fourth priority
- Aimed at high hazard industries, occupations, or health substances
- Selection criteria examples:
  - Death
  - LWII rates
  - Exposure to toxic substances



# Types of Violations

## Other Than Serious Violation

- Normally would not cause death or serious injury
- The penalty for an **other-than-serious** violation under section 17(c) of the Act, 29 U.S.C. 666(c), shall not exceed \$16,550 (CY 2025) per violation.
- Factors:
  - Good faith
  - History of violations
  - Size of business





# Types of Violations

## Serious Violation

- High probability of death or serious harm
- The penalty for a **serious violation** under section 17(b) of the Act, 29 U.S.C. 666(b), shall not exceed \$16,550 (CY 2025)
- Adjusted downward:
  - Good faith
  - Gravity of alleged violation
  - Violation history
  - Size of business



# Types of Violations

## **Willful Violation**

- Employer knowingly commits with plain indifference to the law
- Either knows action is a violation, or is aware of hazardous condition with no effort to eliminate
- The penalty per willful violation under section 17(a) of the Act, 29 U.S.C. 666(a), shall not be less than \$10,360 per violation and not exceed \$165,514 (CY 2025) per violation.



## Types of Violations

### Willful Violation

- If convicted of WV that resulted in death: fined up to \$165,514 or jailed up to six months, or both;

**FINED**





# Types of Violations

## **Repeat Violation**

- The penalty per **repeated violation** under section 17(a) of the Act, 29 U.S.C. 666(a), shall not exceed \$165,514 per violation (CY 2025).

## **Failure to correct violation (abate)**

- The penalty for a failure to correct a violation under section 17(d) of the Act, 29 U.S.C. 666(d), shall not exceed \$16,550 (CY 2025) per day beyond abatement date (limited to 30 days max.)



# Additional Violations

## **Violations of posting requirements**

- The penalty for a posting requirement violation under section 17(i) of the Act, 29 U.S.C. 666(i), shall not exceed \$16,550 (CY 2025)



## Section 5(a)(1) of OSHA Act of 1970

### General Duty Clause

- Employers are required to provide their employees with a place of employment that is “free from recognized hazards that are causing or are likely to cause death or serious physical harm”



# Training and Education

## Keeping the Employee Informed

- *Job Safety and Health Protection* (workplace poster, OSHA 3165) informing employees of their rights and responsibilities under the OSHAct;
- Copies of OSHA citations for violations of standards. These must remain posted at or near the location of the alleged violations for three days or until each violation is abated, whichever is longer.





# Exit Ticket

- Discuss the methods and visual aids used to teach this module.

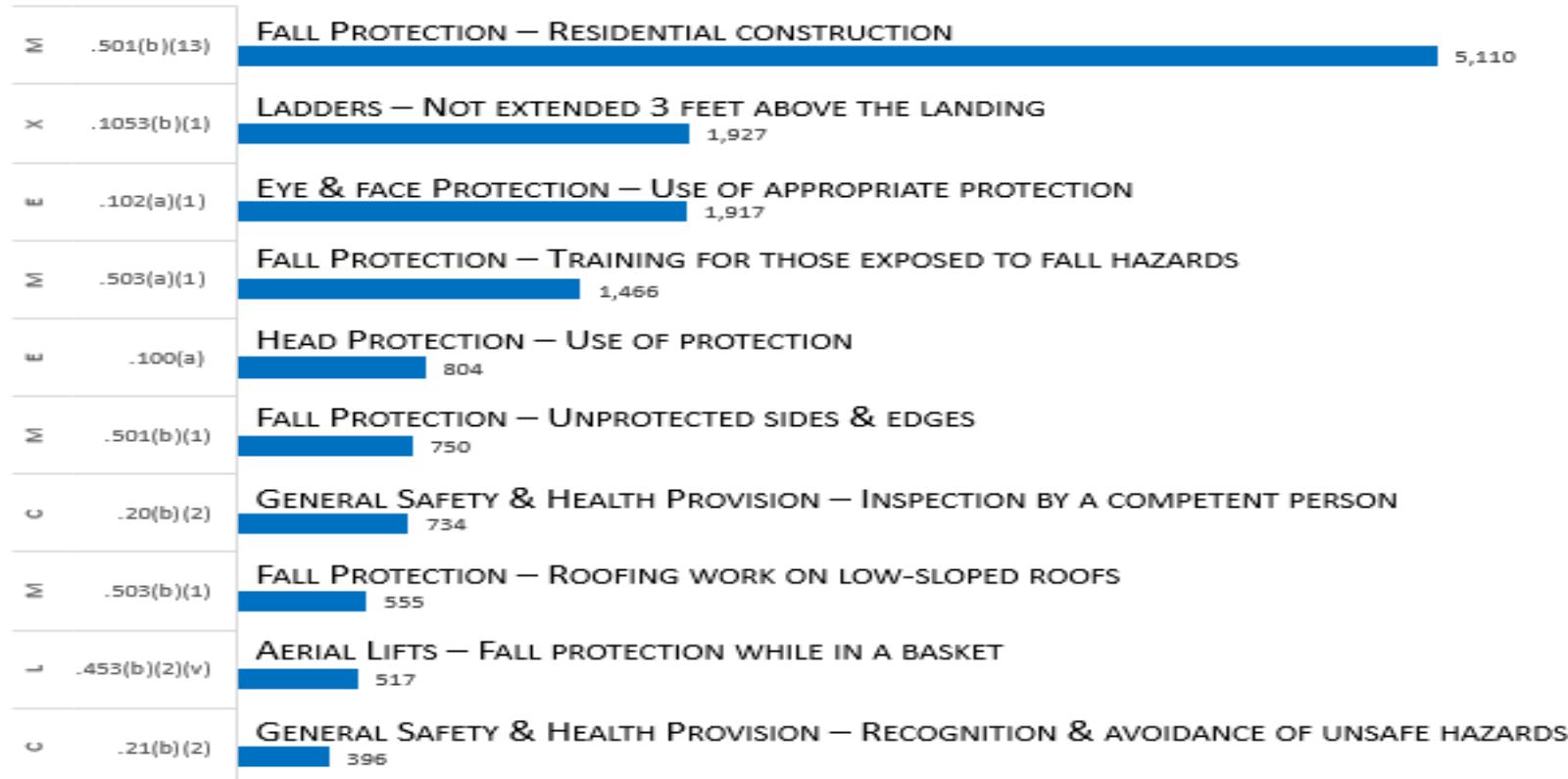


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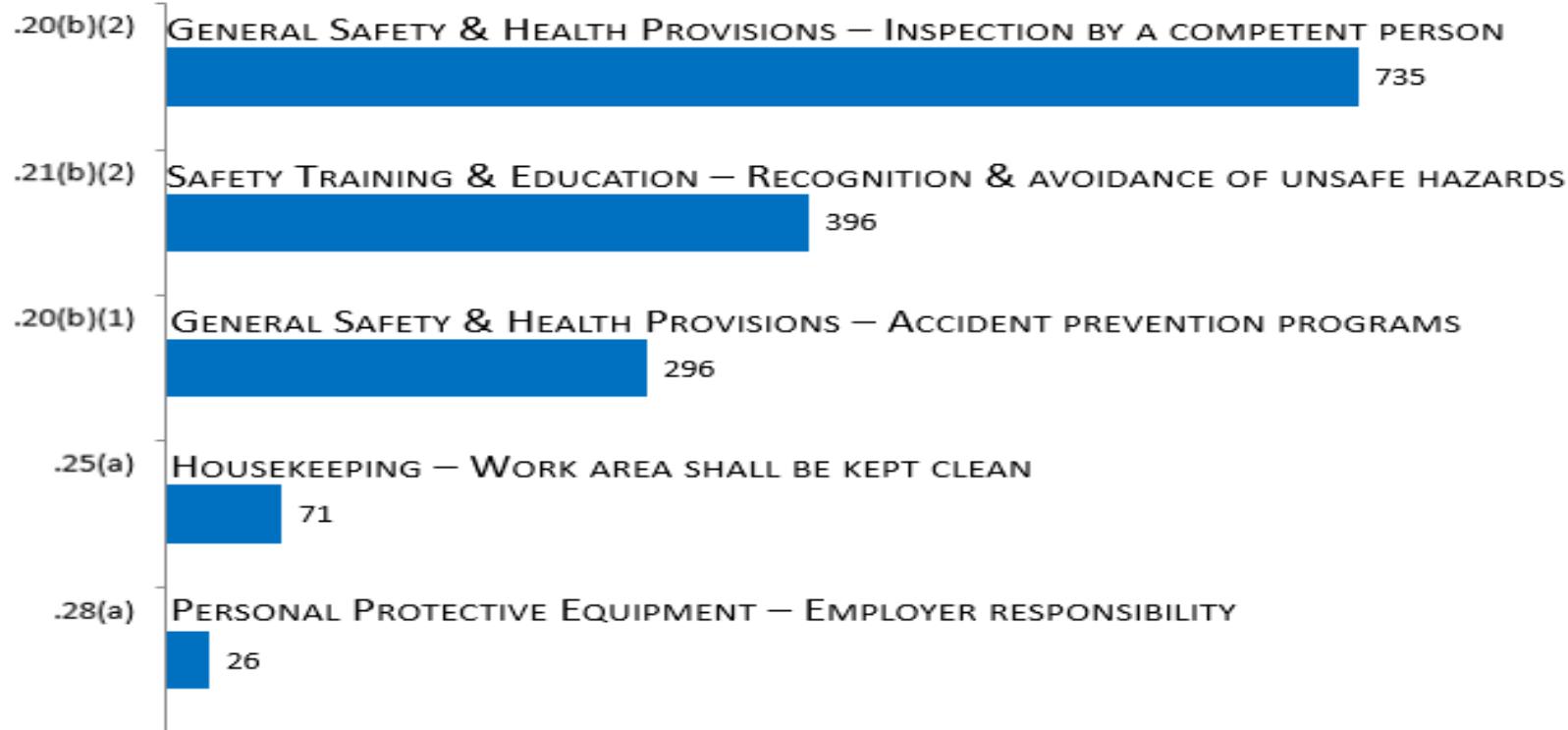
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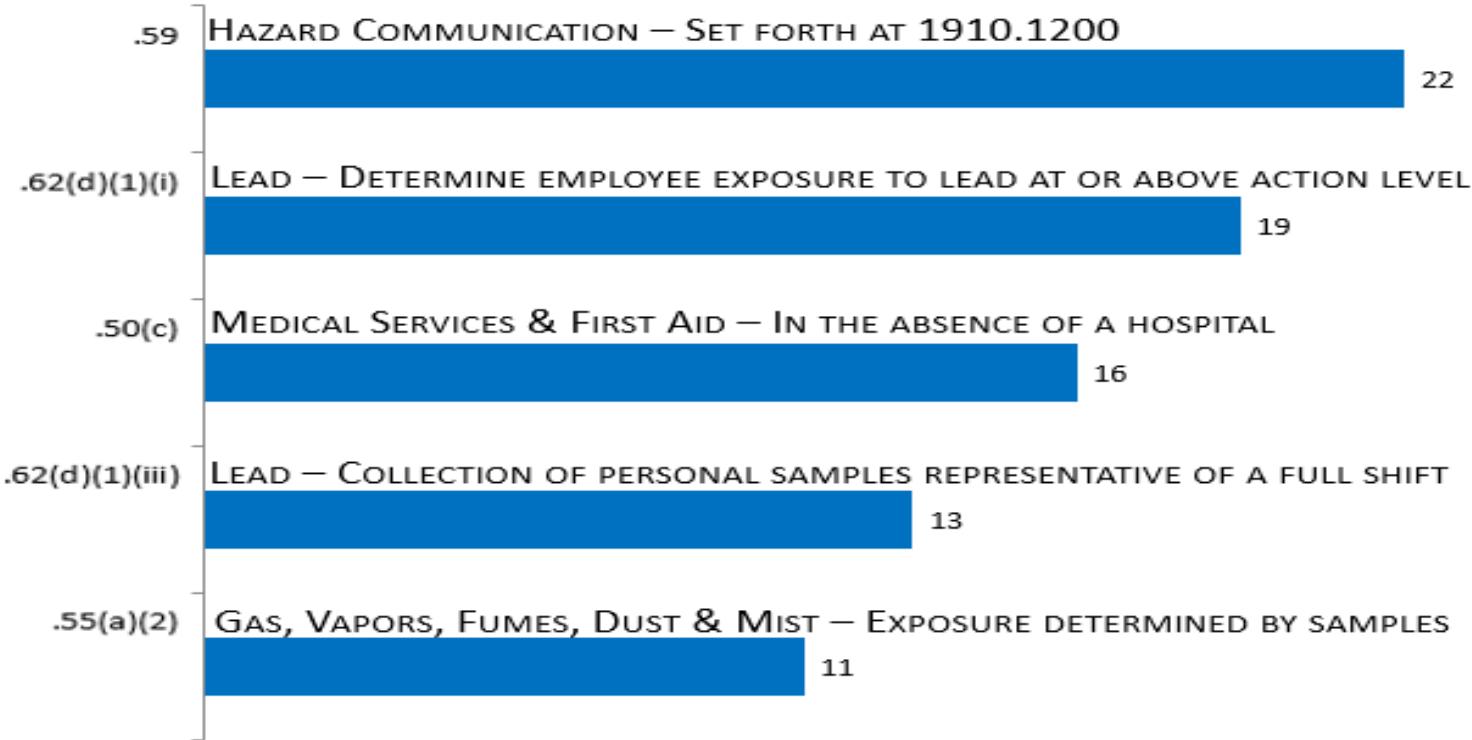
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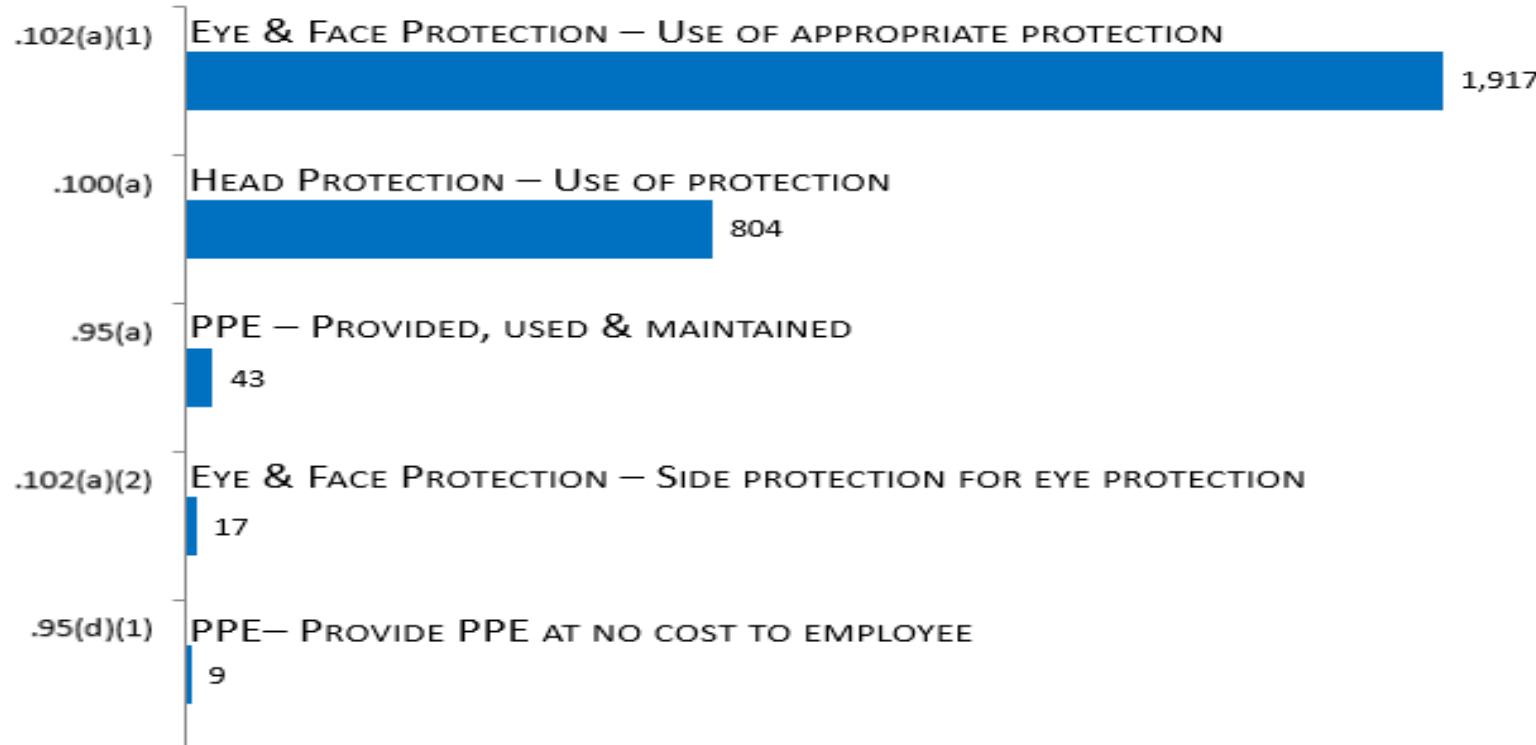
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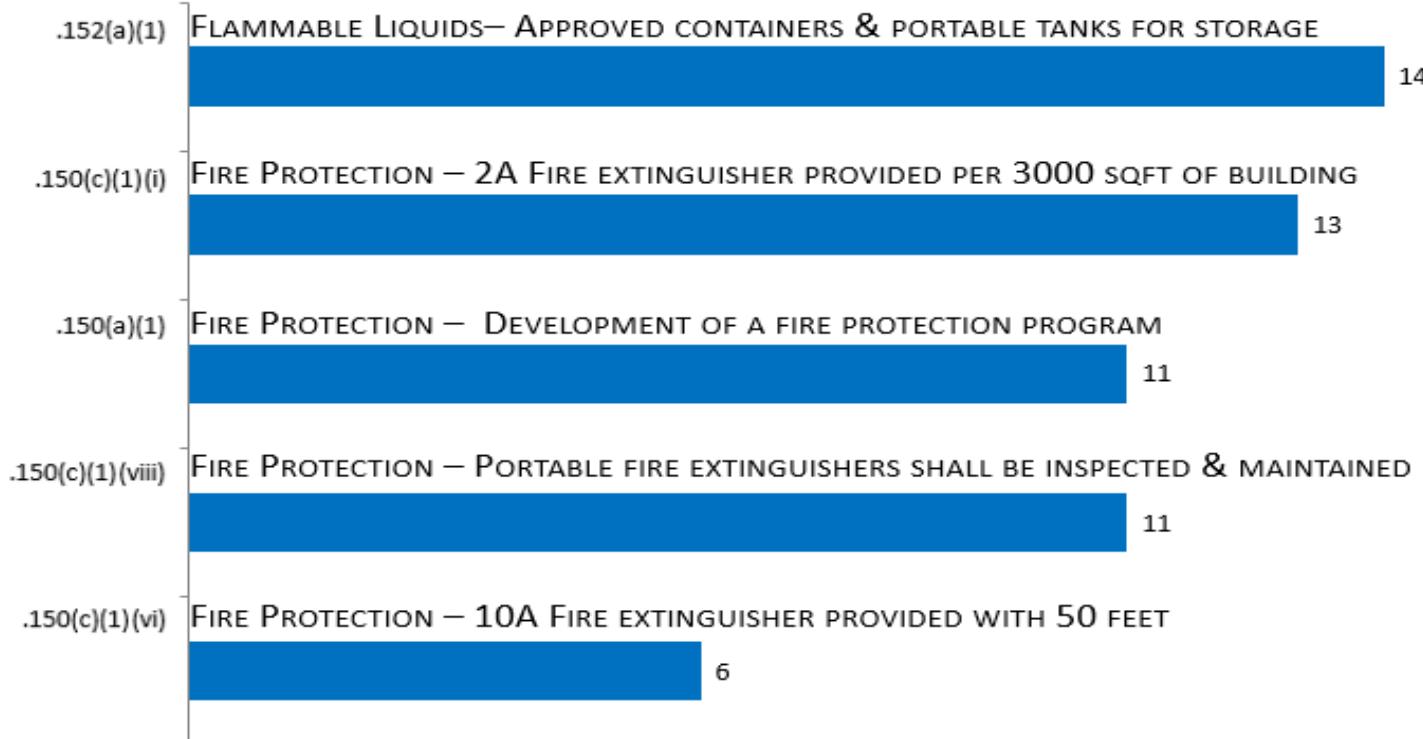
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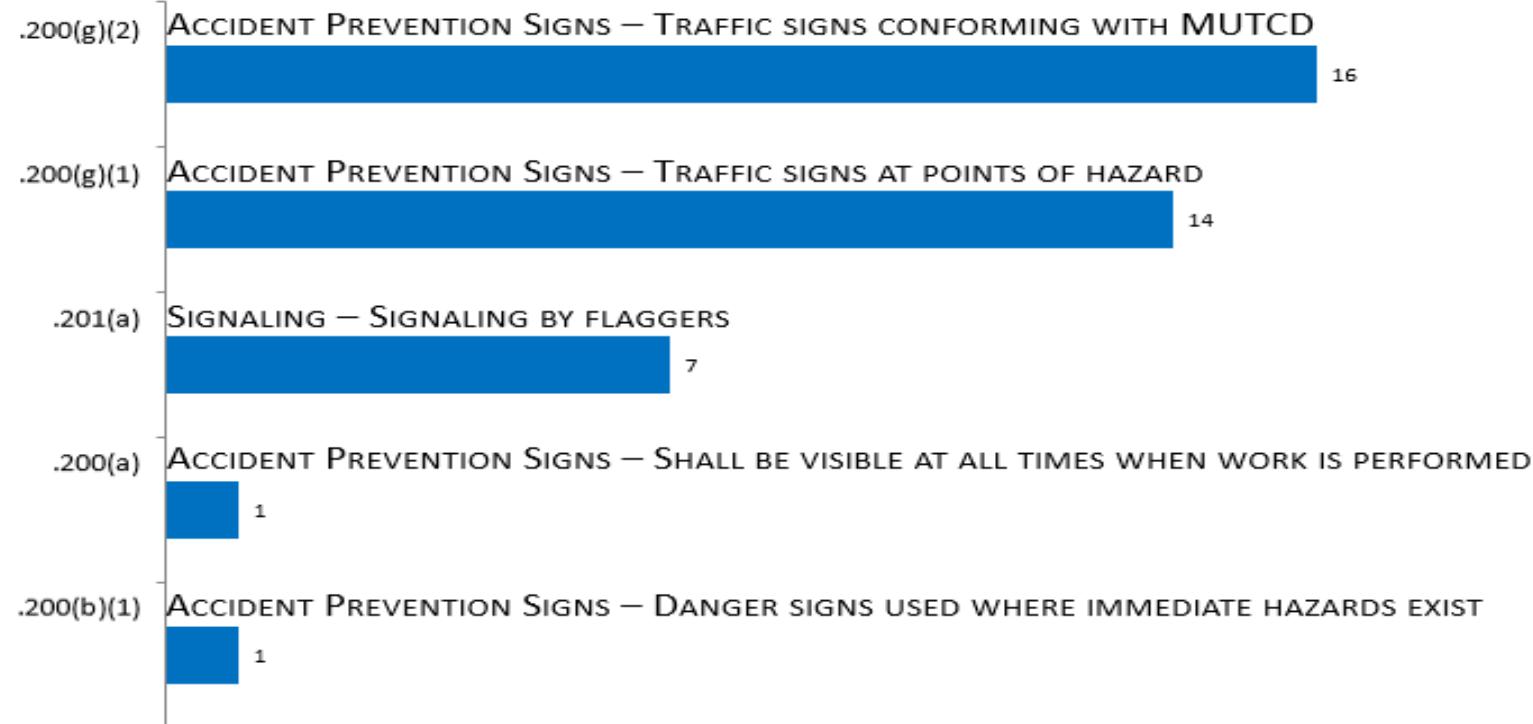


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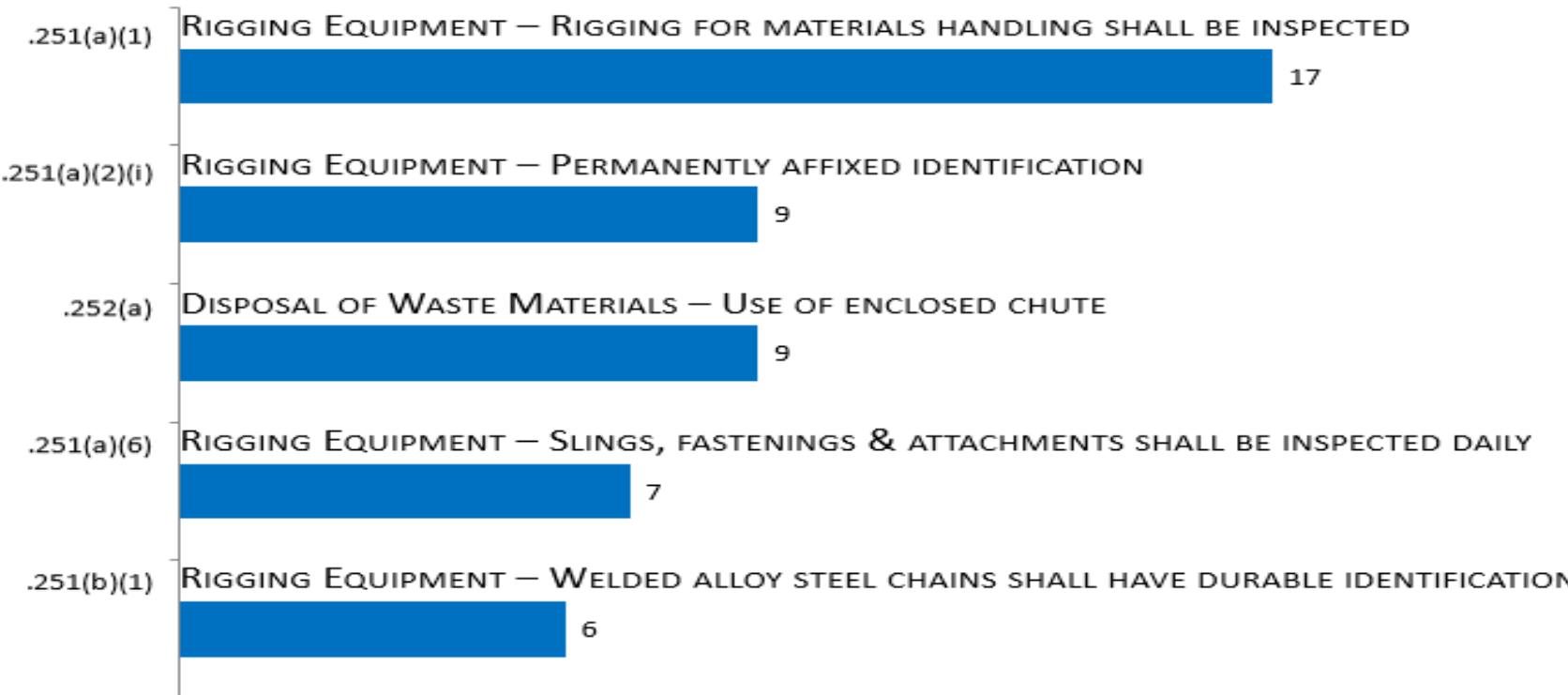
# Signs, Signals & Barricades

## [1926.200 – .203]



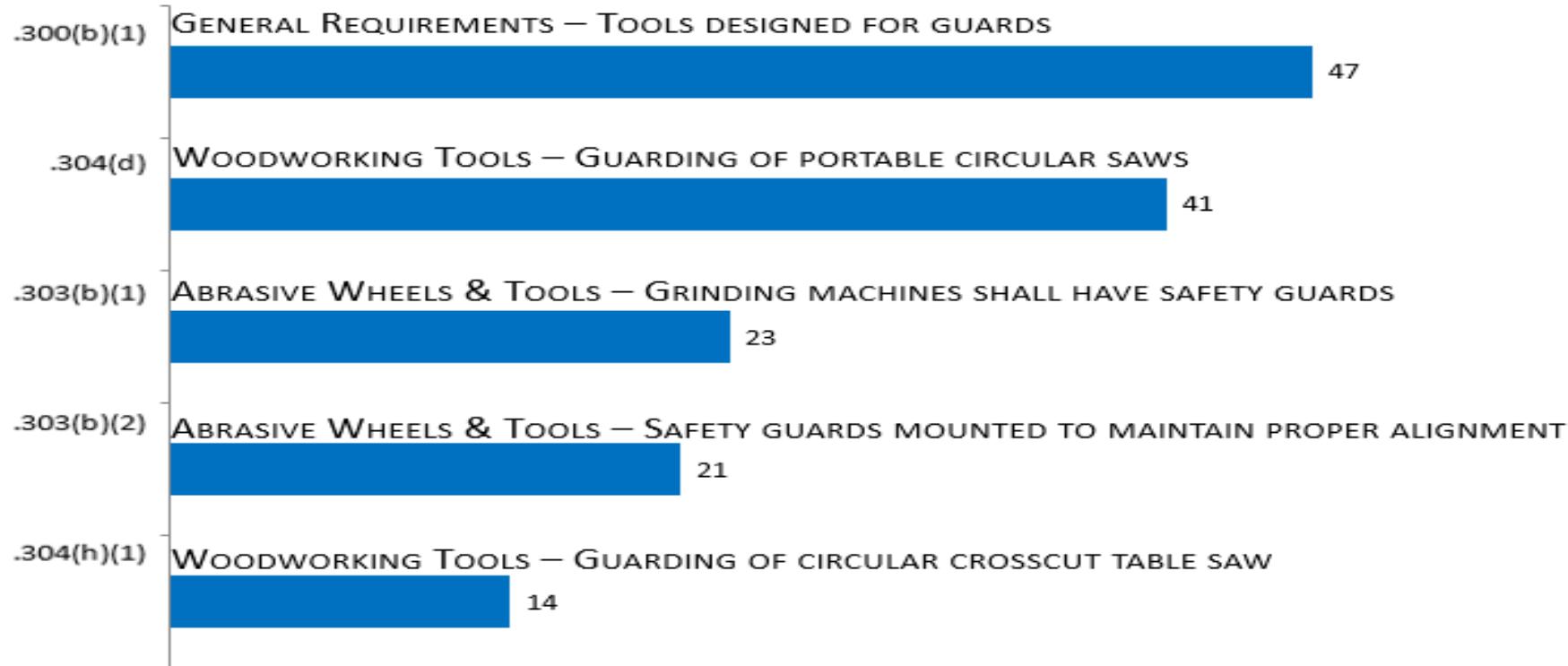
# Materials Handling, Storage, Use & Disposal

## [1926.250 – .252]



# Tools - Hand & Power

## [1926.300 – .307]

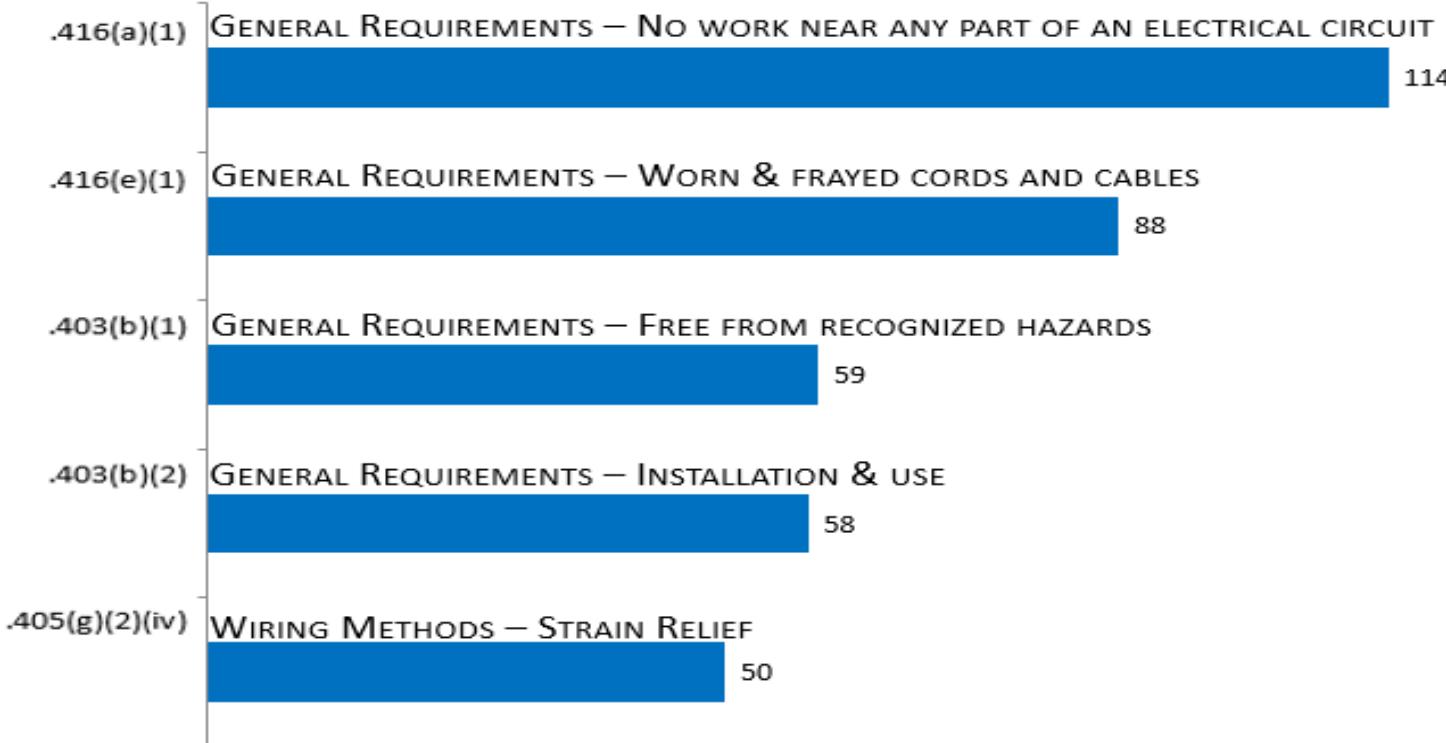


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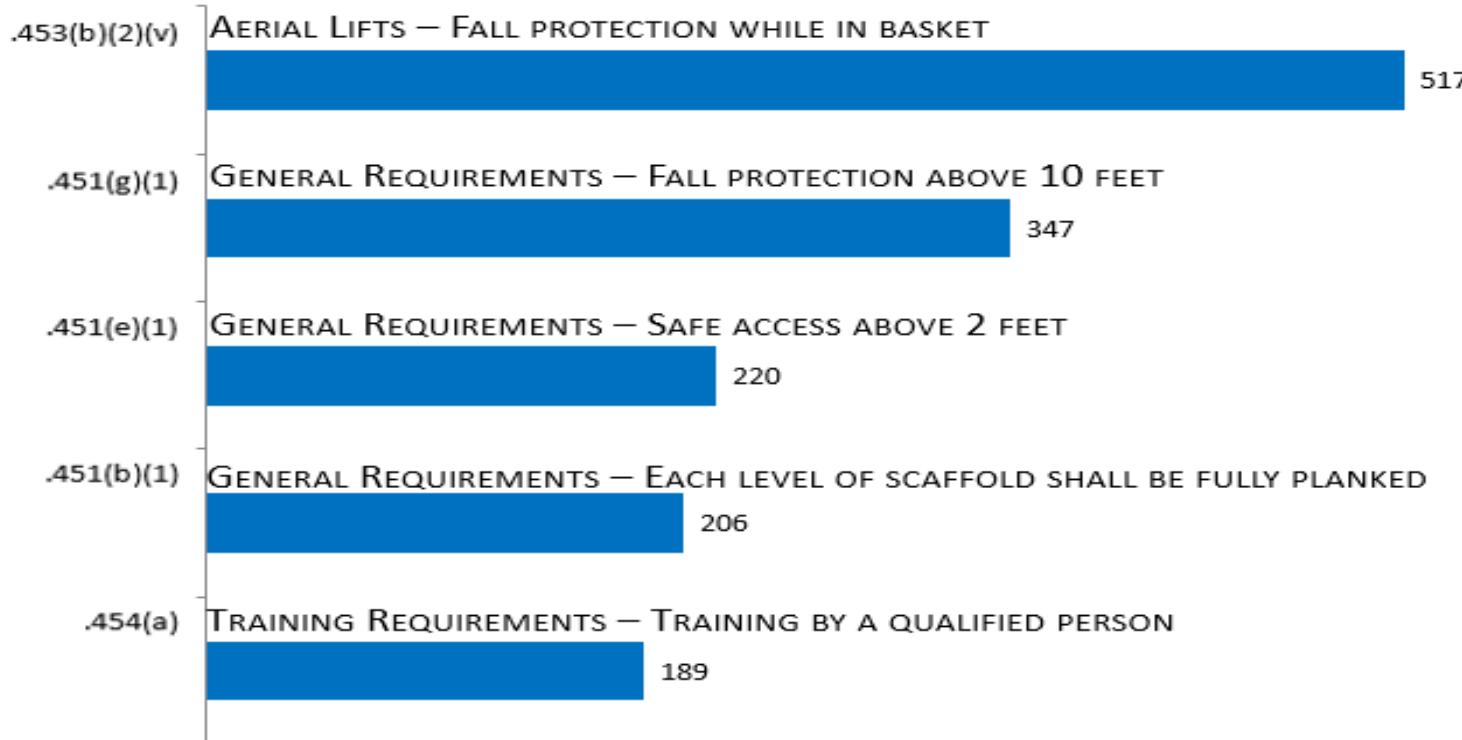
.352(a)	FIRE PREVENTION – ALL FIRE HAZARDS IN THE VICINITY SHALL BE MOVED	5
.350(a)(7)	GAS WELDING – A DEVICE SHALL BE USED TO KEEP CYLINDERS FROM KNOCKING OVER	4
.352(d)	FIRE PREVENTION – SUITABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHER EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE	4
.351(e)	ARC WELDING – OPERATIONS SHIELDED BY NONCOMBUSTIBLE OR FLAMEPROOF SCREENS	3
.352(b)	FIRE PREVENTION – PROTECTION THE IMMOVABLE FIRE HAZARDS	3

# Electrical [1926.400 – .449]

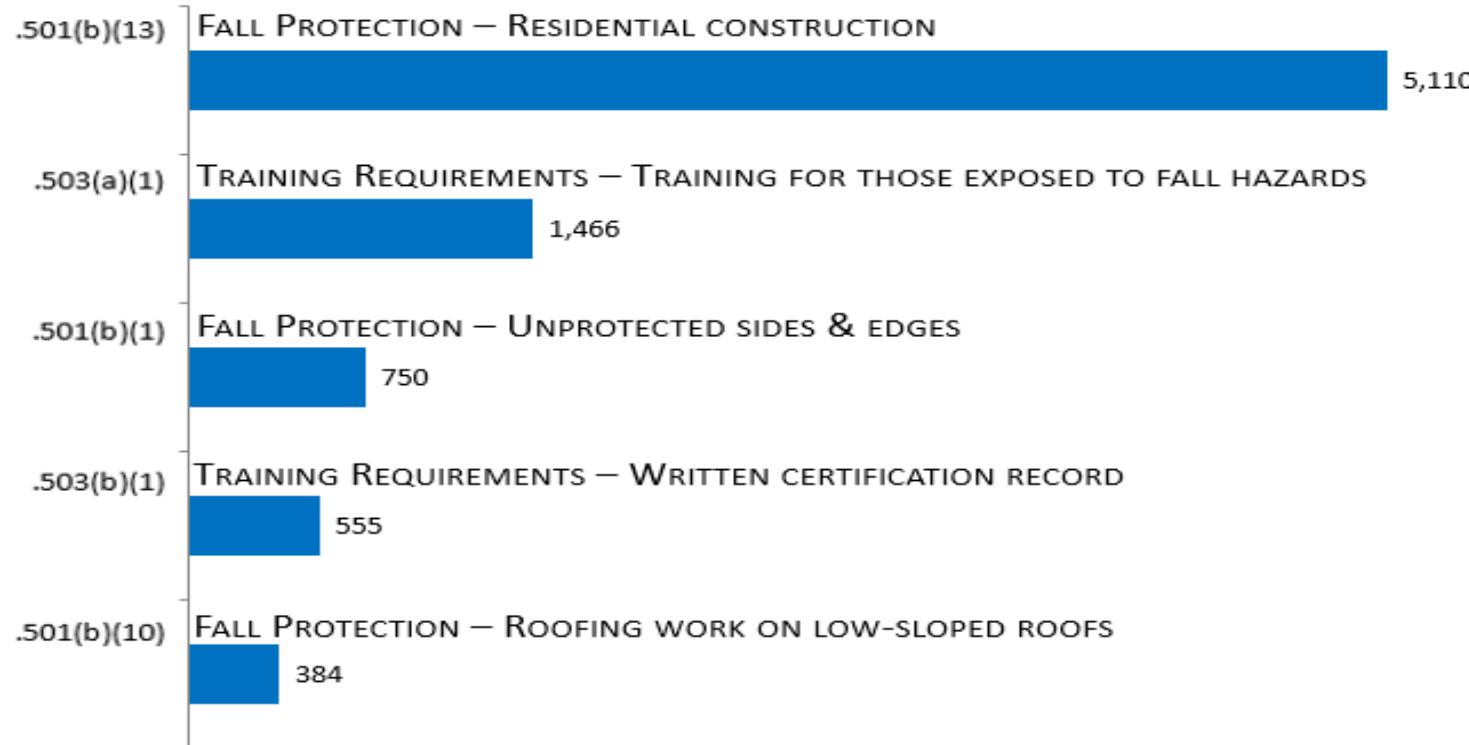


# Scaffolds

## [1926.450 – .454]



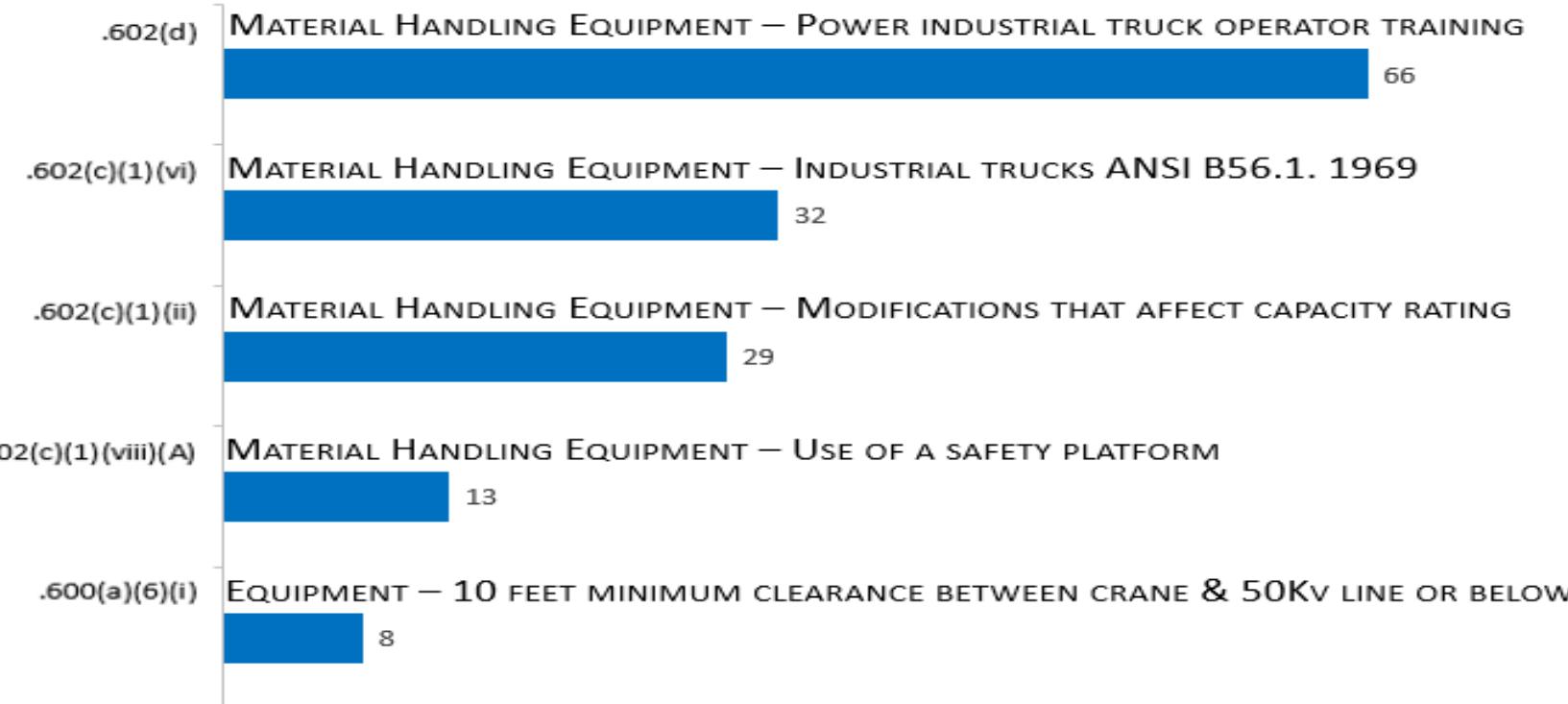
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# Helicopters, Hoists, Elevators, & Conveyors [1926.550 – .556]

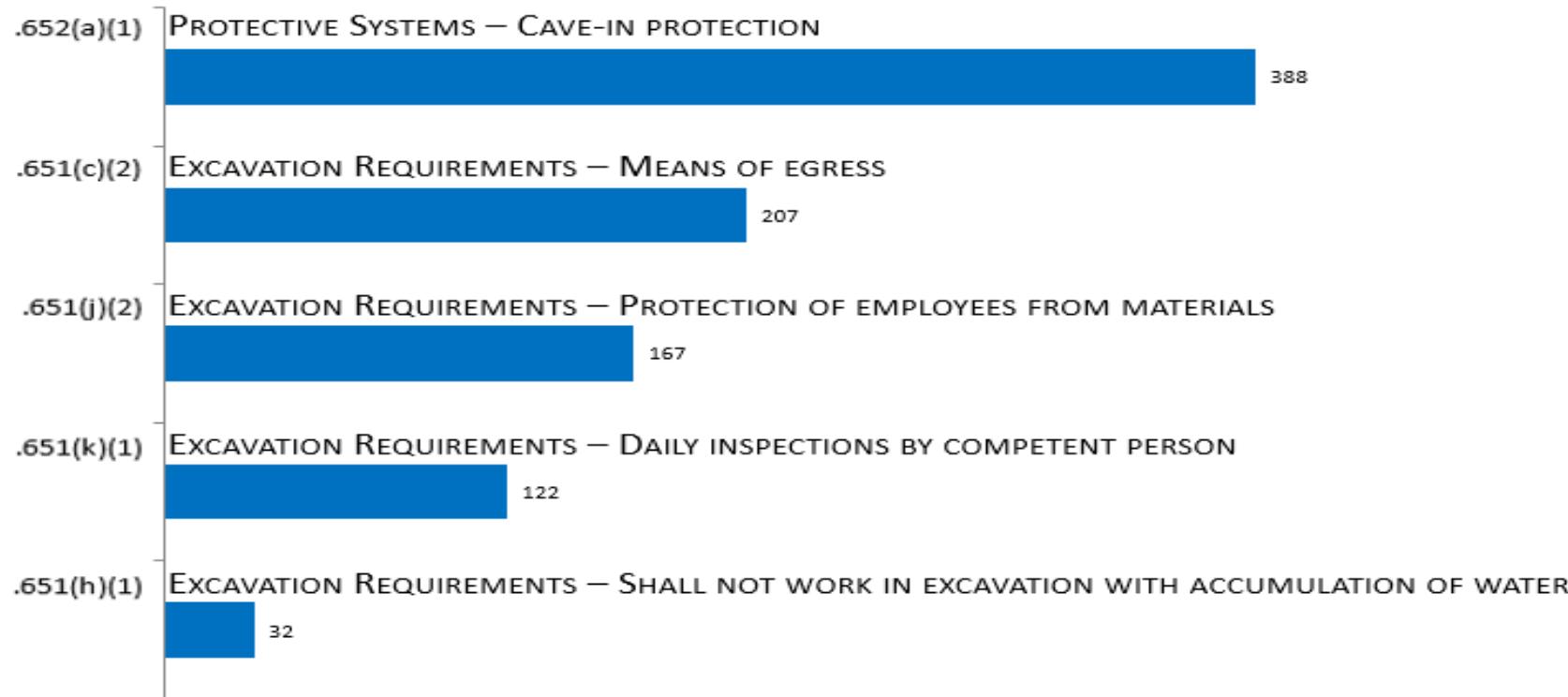
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.552(a)(3)(ii)	HOIST & ELEVATORS— EVIDENCE OF ANY HEAT DAMAGE	3
.551(j)	HELICOPTERS – STATIC CHARGE ON A SUSPENDED LOAD SHALL BE DISSIPATED	1
.551(n)	HELICOPTERS – SIGNAL SYSTEM BETWEEN AIRCREW & GROUND PERSONNEL	1

# Motor Vehicles, Mechanized Equipment, & Marine Operations [1926.600 – .606]



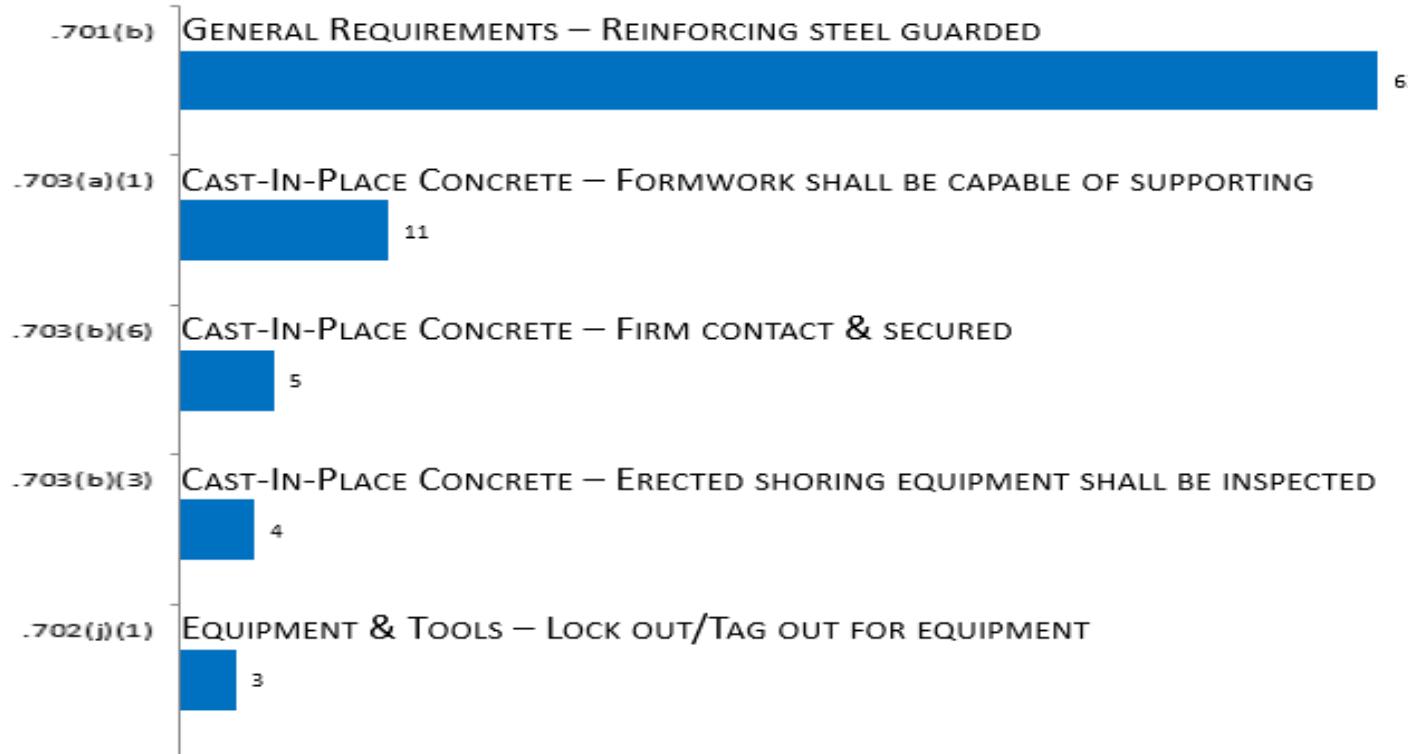
# Excavations

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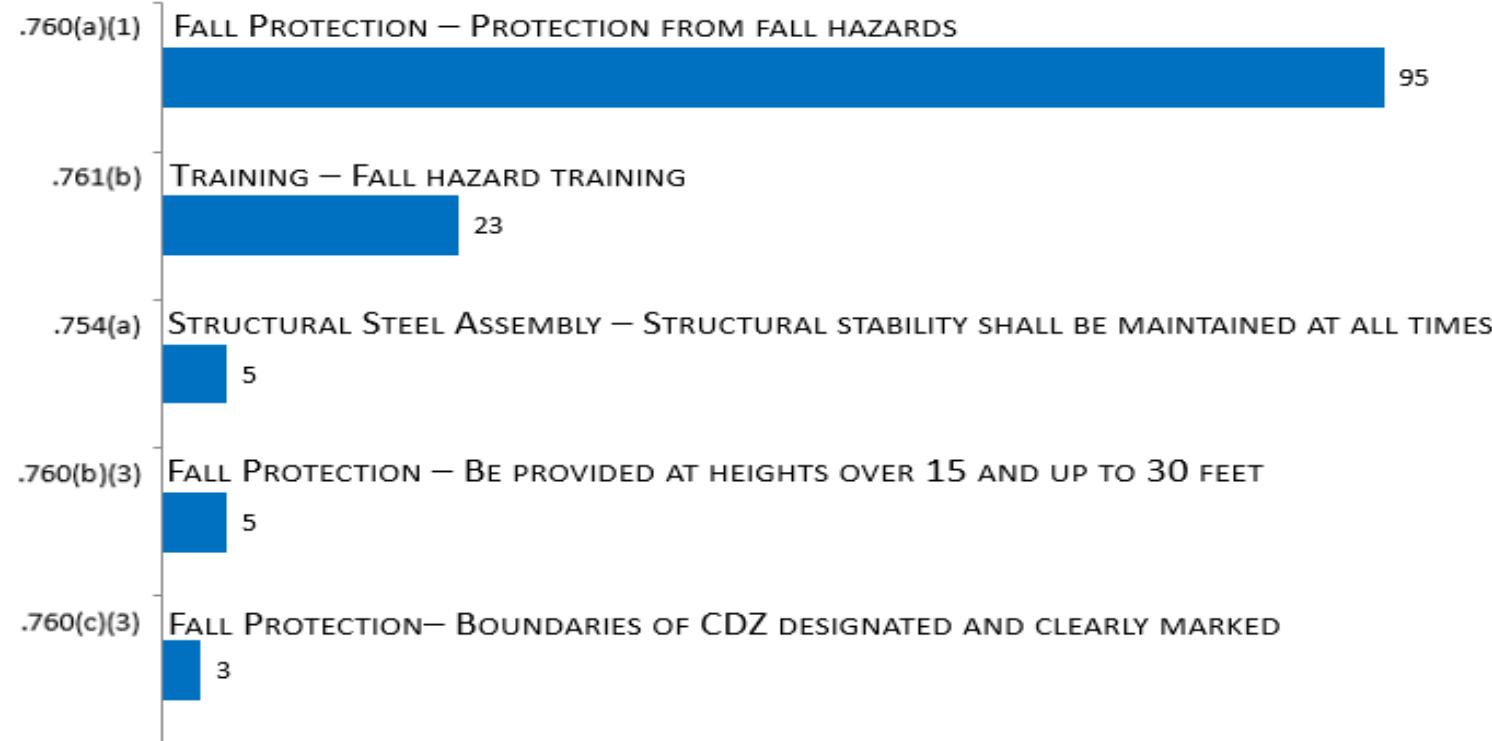


# Concrete & Masonry Construction

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# Steel Erection [1926.750 – .761]

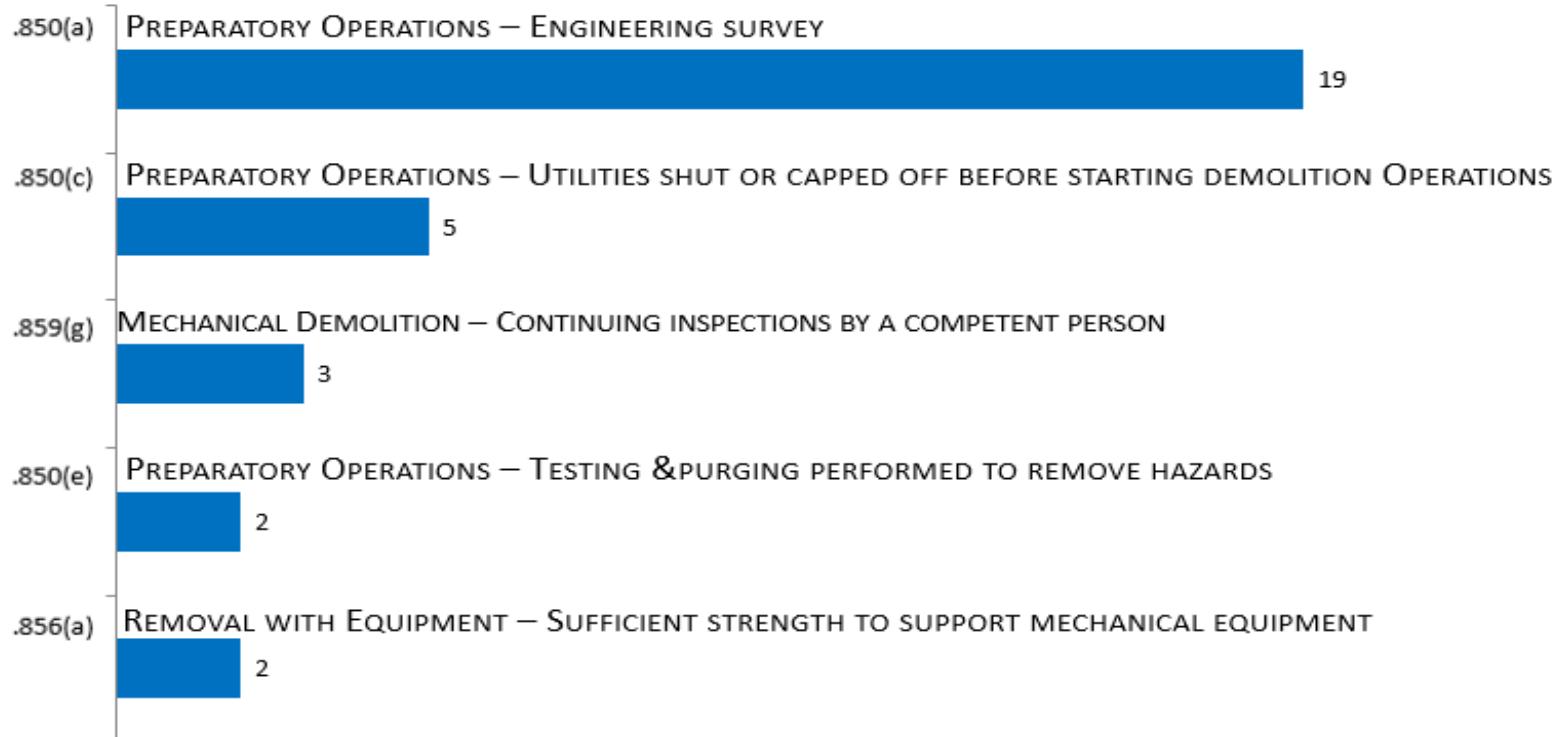


# Underground Construction, Caissons, Cofferdams, & Compressed Air

## [1926.800 – .804]

.800(c)	<b>UNDERGROUND CONSTRUCTION – CHECK-IN/CHECK-OUT PROCEDURES</b>	3
.800(d)	<b>UNDERGROUND CONSTRUCTION – INSTRUCTED TO RECOGNIZE &amp; AVOID HAZARDS</b>	3
.800(o)(3)(i)(A)	<b>UNDERGROUND CONSTRUCTION – A COMPETENT PERSON SHALL INSPECT THE WORK AREA</b>	3
.800(b)(1)	<b>UNDERGROUND CONSTRUCTION – SAFE MEANS A OF ACCESS &amp; EGRESS</b>	2
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# Demolition [1926.850 – .860]

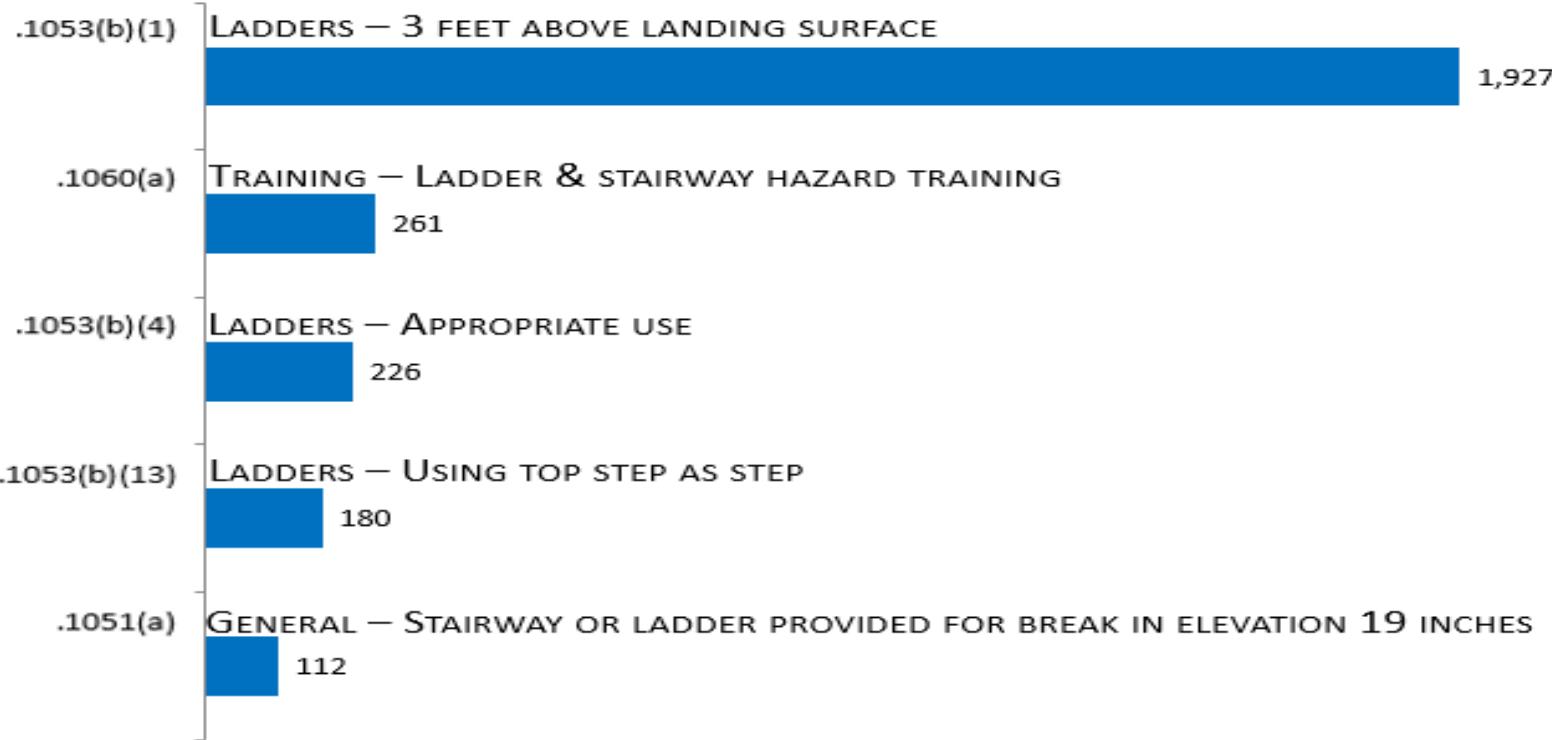


# Electrical Power Transmission & Distribution [1926.950 – .968]

.960(c)(1)(iii)	WORKING ON OR NEAR EXPOSED ENERGIZED PARTS – NO EMPLOYEE APPROACHES OR TAKE CONDUCTIVE OBJECTS CLOSER TO EXPOSED ENERGIZED PARTS	4
.950(b)(1)(i)	GENERAL – TRAINED TO BE FAMILIAR WITH SAFETY-RELATED WORK PRACTICES	2
.952(a)(1)	JOB BRIEFING – INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE EMPLOYER	2
.959(d)(3)(ii)	MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT – SHALL BE INSULATED FOR THE VOLTAGE INVOLVED	2
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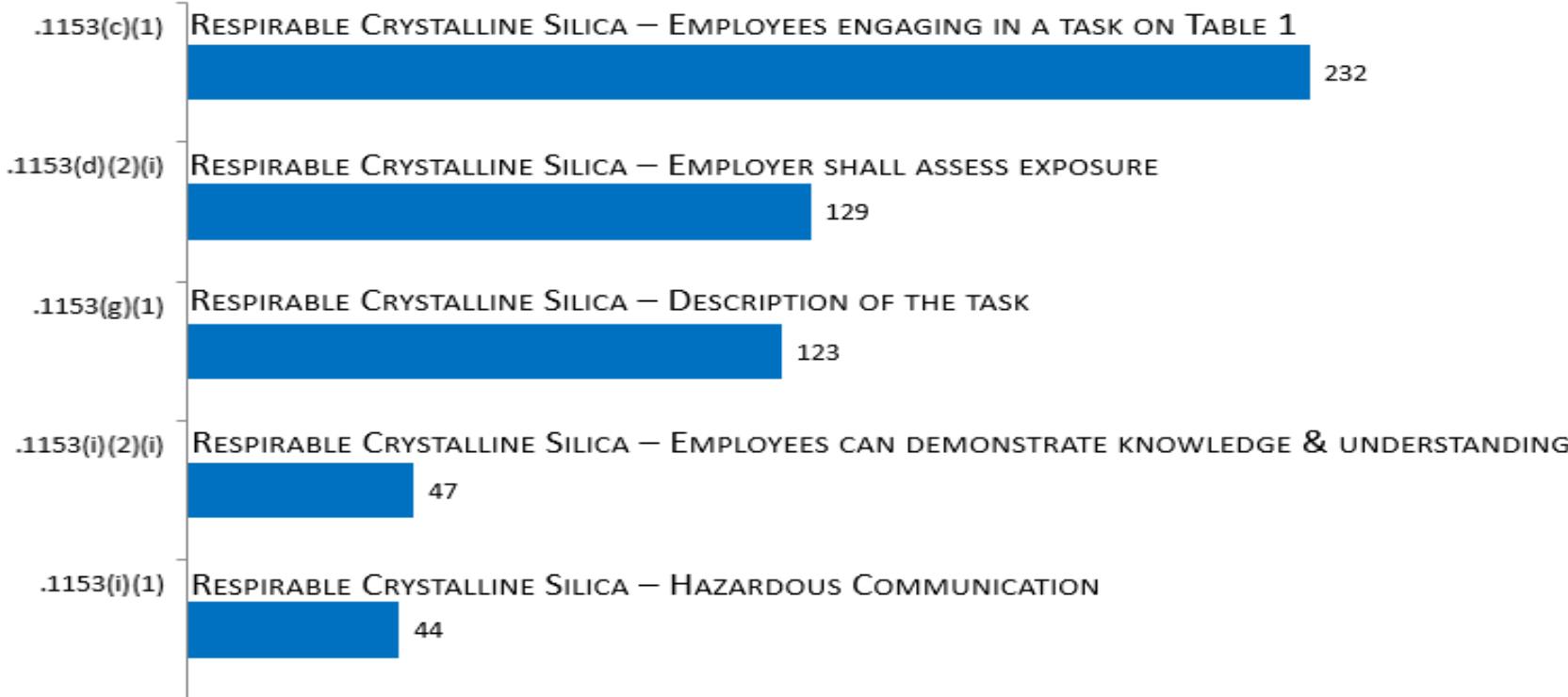
# Stairways & Ladders

## [1926.1050 – .1060]



# Toxic & Hazardous Substances

## [1926.1100 – .1152]



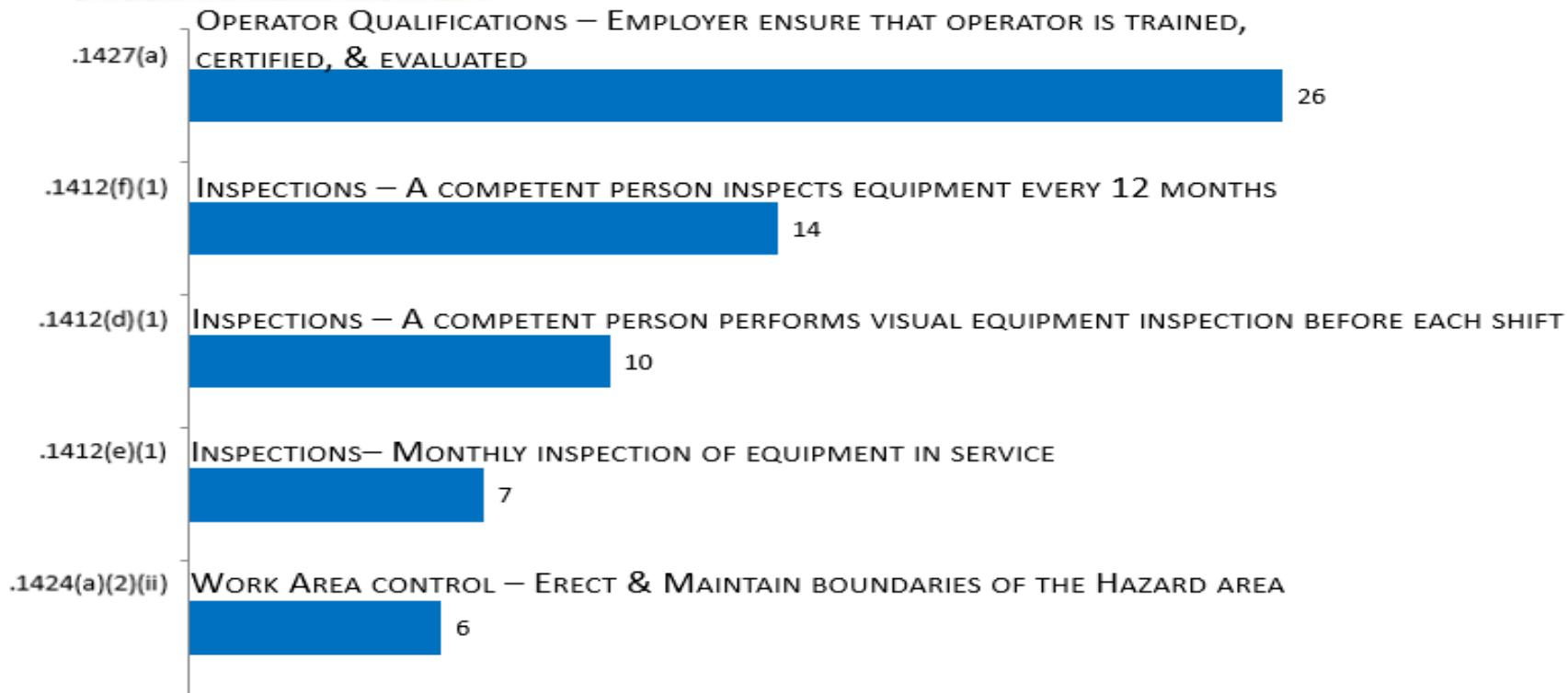
# Confined Space in Construction

## [1926.1200 – .1212]



# Cranes and Derricks in Construction

## [1926.1400 – .1442]





# Recordkeeping (29 CFR Part 1904)



# 29 CFR Part 1904

## Recording and Reporting Occupational Injuries and Illnesses

Final Rule – 07/17/2023

Effective Date – 01/01/2024



# Objectives

- At the end of this session, participants will be able to:
  - Identify the OSHA requirements for recordkeeping, posting and reporting
  - Correctly complete each of the three forms required by OSHA - the 300, 300A, and 301



# Purpose and Scope



# Purpose (of the rule)

- To require employers to record and report work-related fatalities, injuries and illnesses
  - Note: Recording or reporting a work-related injury, illness, or fatality does not mean the employer or employee was at fault, an OSHA rule has been violated, or that the employee is eligible for workers' compensation or other benefits.
- OSHA injury and illness recordkeeping and Workers' Compensation are independent of each other



# Subpart B - Scope

- 1904.1 – Small employer partial exemptions
- 1904.2 – Industry partial exemptions (see Appendix A to Subpart B for complete list)
- 1904.3 – Keeping records for other Federal agencies



# Partial Exemption

- Employers that are partially exempt from the recordkeeping requirements because of their size or industry must continue to comply with:
  - 1904.39, Reporting fatalities, hospitalizations, amputations, and loss of an eye as a result of work-related incidents
  - 1904.41, Annual OSHA injury and illness survey (if specifically requested to do so by OSHA)
  - 1904.42, BLS Annual Survey (if specifically requested to do so by BLS)



# 1904.1 - Size Exemption

- If your company had 10 or fewer employees at all times during the last calendar year, you do not need to keep the injury and illness records unless surveyed by OSHA or BLS
- The size exemption is based on the number of employees in the entire company
- Include temporary employees who you supervised on a day to day basis in the count



# 1904.2 - Industry Exemption

- All industries in agriculture, construction, maritime, manufacturing, transportation, utilities and wholesale trade sectors are covered
- In the retail and service sectors, some industries are partially exempt
- Appendix A to Subpart B lists partially exempt industries



# 1904.31 - Covered Employees

- Employees on payroll
- Employees not on payroll who are supervised on a day-to-day basis
- Exclude self-employed and partners
- Temporary help agencies should not record the cases experienced by temp workers who are supervised by the using firm



# 1904.30 - Multiple Business Establishments

- Keep a separate OSHA Form 300 for each establishment that is expected to be in operation for more than a year
- May keep one OSHA Form 300 for all short-term establishments
- Each employee must be linked with one establishment



# Forms and Recording Criteria



- OSHA 300
- OSHA 300A
- OSHA 301



# 1904.29 - Forms

- OSHA Form 300, Log of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses
- OSHA Form 300A, Summary of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses
- OSHA Form 301, Injury and Illness Incident Report



# 1904.29 - Forms

- Complete 300 & 301 for each recordable case within 7 calendar days of receiving information that a recordable case occurred
- An equivalent form has the same information, is as readable and understandable, and uses the same instructions as the OSHA form it replaces
- Forms can be kept on a computer or at another location as long as they can be produced when they are needed (i.e., meet the access provisions of 1904.35 and 1904.40)



OSHA's Form 300 (Rev. 01/2004)

## **Log of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses**

You must record information about every work-related death and about every work-related injury or illness that involves loss of consciousness, restricted work activity or job transfer days away from work, or medical treatment beyond first aid. You must also record significant work-related injuries and illnesses that are diagnosed by a physician or licensed health care professional. You must also record work-related injuries and illnesses that meet any of the specific recording criteria listed in 29 CFR Part 1904.8 through 1904.12. Feel free to use my lines for a single case if you need to. You must complete an Injury and Illness Incident Report (OSHA Form 301) or equivalent form for each injury or illness recorded on this form. If you're not sure whether a case is recordable, call your local OSHA office for help.

**Attention:** This form contains information relating to employee health and must be used in a manner that protects the confidentiality of employees to the extent possible while the information is being used for occupational safety and health purposes.



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Impaired	1. Skin/soft tissue	2. Respiratory	3. Poisoning	4. Ingestion/absorption
Ability				



# Recording Criteria

- Subpart C: Recordkeeping forms and recording criteria
  - 1904.4 Recording criteria
  - 1904.5 Work-relatedness
  - 1904.6 New case
  - 1904.7 General recording criteria
  - 1904.8 Needlesticks and sharps
  - 1904.9 Medical removal
  - 1904.10 Hearing loss
  - 1904.11 Tuberculosis
  - 1904.29 Forms



# 1904.4 - Recording Criteria

- Covered employers must record each fatality, injury or illness that:
  - Is work-related, and
  - Is a new case, and
  - Meets one or more of the criteria contained in sections 1904.7 or the application to specific cases of 1904.8 through 1904.12



# 1904.5 - Work-Relatedness

- Work-relatedness is presumed for injuries and illnesses resulting from events or exposures occurring in the work environment
- A case is presumed work-related if, and only if, an event or exposure in the work environment is a discernable cause of the injury or illness or of a significant aggravation to a pre-existing condition. The work event or exposure need only be one of the discernable causes; it need not be the sole or predominant cause.



# 1904.5 - Work Environment

- The work environment is defined as the establishment and other locations where one or more employees are working or present as a condition of employment
- The work environment includes not only physical locations, but also the equipment or materials used by employees during the course of their work



# 1904.5 - Significant Aggravation

- A pre-existing injury or illness is *significantly* aggravated when an event or exposure in the work environment results in any of the following (which otherwise would not have occurred):
  - Death
  - Loss of consciousness
  - Days away, days restricted or job transfer
  - Medical treatment



# 1904.5 - Exceptions



- Present as a member of the general public
- Symptoms arising in work environment that are solely due to non-work-related event or exposure (Regardless of where signs or symptoms surface, a case is work-related only if a work event or exposure is a discernable cause of the injury or illness or of a significant aggravation to a pre-existing condition.)
- Voluntary participation in wellness program, medical, fitness or recreational activity
- Eating, drinking or preparing food or drink for personal consumption





# 1904.5 - Exceptions (contd.)

- Personal tasks outside assigned working hours
- Personal grooming, self medication for non-work-related condition, or intentionally self-inflicted
- Motor vehicle accident in parking lot/access road during commute
- Common cold or flu
- Mental illness, unless employee voluntarily provides a medical opinion from a physician or licensed health care professional (PLHCP) having appropriate qualifications and experience that affirms work-relatedness



# 1904.5 - Travel Status

- An injury or illness that occurs while an employee is on travel status is work-related if it occurred while the employee was engaged in work activities in the interest of the employer
- Home away from home
- Detour for personal reasons is not work-related





# 1904.5 - Work at Home

- Injuries and illnesses that occur while an employee is working at home are work-related if they:
  - occur while the employee is performing work for pay or compensation in the home, and
  - they are directly related to the performance of work rather than the general home environment



# 1904.6 - New Case

- A case is new if:
  - The employee has not previously experienced a recordable injury or illness of the same type that affects the same part of the body; or
  - The employee previously experienced a recordable injury or illness of the same type that affects the same part of the body, but had recovered completely and an event or exposure in the work environment caused the signs and symptoms to reappear



# 1904.6 - New Case

- If there is a medical opinion regarding resolution of a case, the employer must follow that opinion
- If an exposure triggers the recurrence, it is a new case (e.g., asthma, rashes)
- If signs and symptoms recur even in the absence of exposure, it is not a new case (e.g., silicosis, tuberculosis, asbestosis)



# 1904.7 - General Recording Criteria

- An injury or illness is recordable if it results in one or more of the following:
  - Death
  - Days away from work
  - Restricted work activity
  - Transfer to another job
  - Medical treatment beyond first aid
  - Loss of consciousness
  - Significant injury or illness diagnosed by a PLHCP



# 1904.7(b)(3) - Days Away Cases

- Record if the case involves one or more days away from work
- Check the box for days away cases and count the number of days
- Do not include the day of injury / illness





# 1904.7(b)(3) - Days Away Cases

- Day counts (days away or days restricted)
  - Count the number of calendar days the employee was unable to work (include weekend days, holidays, vacation days, etc.)
  - Cap day count at 180 days away and/or days restricted
  - May stop day count if employee leaves company for a reason unrelated to the injury or illness
  - If a medical opinion exists, employer must follow that opinion



# 1904.7(b)(4) - Restricted Work Cases

- Record if the case involves one or more days of restricted work or job transfer
- Check the box for restricted / transfer cases and count the number of days
- Do not include the day of injury / illness



# 1904.7(b)(4) - Restricted Work

- Restricted work activity occurs when:
  - An employee is kept from performing one or more routine functions (work activities the employee regularly performs at least once per week) of his or her job; or
  - An employee is kept from working a full workday; or
  - A PLHCP recommends either of the above



# 1904.7(b)(4) - Job Transfer

- Job transfer
  - An injured or ill employee is assigned to a job other than his or her regular job for part of the day
  - A case is recordable if the injured or ill employee performs his or her routine job duties for part of a day and is assigned to another job for the rest of the day





# 1904.7(b)(5) - Medical Treatment

- Medical treatment is the management and care of a patient to combat disease or disorder
- It does not include:
  - Visits to a PLHCP solely for observation or counseling
  - Diagnostic procedures
  - First aid





# 1904.7(b)(5) - First Aid



- Using nonprescription medication at nonprescription strength
- Tetanus immunizations
- Cleaning, flushing, or soaking surface wounds
- Wound coverings, butterfly bandages, Steri-Strips
- Hot or cold therapy
- Non-rigid means of support
- Temporary immobilization device used to transport accident victims



# 1904.7(b)(5) - First Aid

- Drilling of fingernail or toenail, draining fluid from blister
- Eye patches
- Removing foreign bodies from eye using irrigation or cotton swab
- Removing splinters or foreign material from areas other than the eye by irrigation, tweezers, cotton swabs or other simple means
- Finger guards
- Massages
- Drinking fluids for relief of heat stress





# 1904.7(b)(6) - Loss of Consciousness

- All work-related cases involving loss of consciousness must be recorded



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# 1904.7(b)(7) - General Criteria

- Significant diagnosed injuries and illnesses:
  - Cancer
  - Chronic irreversible disease
  - Fractured or cracked bone
  - Punctured eardrum



# 1904.8 - Bloodborne Pathogens



- Record all work-related needlesticks and cuts from sharp objects that are contaminated with another person's blood or other potentially infectious material (includes human bodily fluids, tissues and organs; other materials infected with HIV or HBV such as laboratory cultures)
- Record splashes or other exposures to blood or other potentially infectious material if they result in diagnosis of a bloodborne disease or meets the general recording criteria



# 1904.9 - Medical Removal

- If an employee is medically removed under the medical surveillance requirements of an OSHA standard, you must record the case
- The case is recorded as either one involving days away from work or days of restricted work activity
- If the case involves voluntary removal below the removal levels required by the standard, the case need not be recorded





# 1904.10 – Hearing Loss

- Must record all work-related hearing loss cases where:
  - Employee has experienced a Standard Threshold Shift (STS)<sup>1</sup>, and
  - Employee's hearing level is 25 decibels (dB) or more above audiometric zero [averaged at 2000, 3000, and 4000 hertz (Hz)] in the same ears as the STS

<sup>1</sup> An STS is defined in OSHA's noise standard at 29 CFR 1910.95(g)(10)(i) as a change in hearing threshold, relative to the baseline audiogram, of an average of 10 dB or more at 2000, 3000, and 4000 Hz in one or both ears.



# 1904.10 – Hearing Loss, contd.

- Must compute the STS in accordance with OSHA's noise standard, 1910.95
- Compare employee's current audiogram to the original baseline audiogram or the revised baseline audiogram allowed by 1910.95(g)(9)
- May adjust for aging to determine whether an STS has occurred using tables in Appendix F of 1910.95
- May not adjust for aging to determine whether or not hearing level is 25 dB or more above audiometric zero



# 1904.11 - Tuberculosis



- Record a case where an employee is exposed to someone with a known case of active tuberculosis, and subsequently develops a TB infection
- A case is not recordable when:
  - The worker is living in a household with a person who is diagnosed with active TB
  - The Public Health Department has identified the worker as a contact of an individual with active TB
  - A medical investigation shows the employee's infection was caused by exposure away from work



# Forms Completion

- Medical or first aid treatment
- Days away from work, restricted work or job transfer
- Counting the days
- Privacy cases



# 1904.29 - Privacy Protection

- Do not enter the name of an employee on the OSHA Form 300 for “privacy concern cases”
- Enter “privacy case” in the name column
- Keep a separate confidential list of the case numbers and employee names



# 1904.29 - Privacy Protection

- Privacy concern cases are:
  - An injury or illness to an intimate body part or reproductive system
  - An injury or illness resulting from sexual assault
  - Mental illness
  - HIV infection, hepatitis, tuberculosis
  - Needlestick and sharps injuries that are contaminated with another person's blood or other potentially infectious material
  - Employee voluntarily requests to keep name off for other illness cases



# 1904.29 - Privacy Protection

- Employer may use discretion in describing the case if employee can be identified
- If you give the forms to people not authorized by the rule, you must remove the names first
  - Exceptions for:
    - Auditor / consultant,
    - Workers' compensation or other insurance
    - Public health authority or law enforcement agency





# OSHA's Form 301

## Injury and Illness Incident Report

This Injury and Illness Incident Report is one of the first forms you must fill out when a recordable work-related injury or illness has occurred. Together with the Log of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses and the accompanying Summary, these forms help the employer and OSHA develop a picture of the extent and severity of work-related incidents.

Within 7 calendar days after you receive information that a recordable work-related injury or illness has occurred, you must fill out this form or an equivalent. Some state workers' compensation, insurance, or other reports may be acceptable substitutes. To be considered an equivalent form, any substitute must contain all the information asked for on this form.

According to Public Law 91-596 and 29 CFR 1904, OSHA's recordkeeping rule, you must keep this form on file for 5 years following the year to which it pertains.

If you need additional copies of this form, you may photocopy and use as many as you need.

Completed by \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Attention:** This form contains information relating to employee health and must be used in a manner that protects the confidentiality of employees to the extent possible while the information is being used for occupational safety and health purposes.



**U.S. Department of Labor**  
Occupational Safety and Health Administration

Form approved OMB no. 1218-0176

### Information about the employee

1) Full name \_\_\_\_\_

2) Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

3) Date of birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

4) Date hired \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

5)  Male  
 Female

### Information about the physician or other health care professional

6) Name of physician or other health care professional \_\_\_\_\_

7) If treatment was given away from the worksite, where was it given?

Facility \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

8) Was employee treated in an emergency room?

Yes  
 No

9) Was employee hospitalized overnight as an in-patient?

Yes  
 No

### Information about the case

10) Case number from the Log \_\_\_\_\_ (Transfer the case number from the Log after you record the case.)

11) Date of injury or illness \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

12) Time employee began work \_\_\_\_\_ AM / PM

13) Time of event \_\_\_\_\_ AM / PM  Check if time cannot be determined

14) **What was the employee doing just before the incident occurred?** Describe the activity, as well as the tools, equipment, or material the employee was using. Be specific. Examples: "climbing a ladder while carrying roofing materials"; "spraying chlorine from hand sprayer"; "daily computer key-entry."

15) **What happened?** Tell us how the injury occurred. Examples: "When ladder slipped on wet floor, worker fell 20 feet"; "Worker was sprayed with chlorine when gasket broke during replacement"; "Worker developed soreness in wrist over time."

16) **What was the injury or illness?** Tell us the part of the body that was affected and how it was affected; be more specific than "hurt," "pain," or sore." Examples: "strained back"; "chemical burn, hand"; "carpal tunnel syndrome."

17) **What object or substance directly harmed the employee?** Examples: "concrete floor"; "chlorine"; "radial arm saw." If this question does not apply to the incident, leave it blank.

18) **If the employee died, when did death occur?** Date of death \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 22 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Persons not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a current valid OMB control number. If you have any comments about this estimate or any other aspects of this data collection, including suggestions for reducing this burden, contact: US Department of Labor, OSHA Office of Statistics, Room N-5544, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210. Do not send the completed forms to this office.



# 1904.35 - Employee Involvement

- Must inform each employee of how to report an injury or illness
  - You must set up a way for employees to report work-related injuries and illnesses promptly; and
  - You must tell each employee how to report work-related injuries and illnesses to you



# 1904.35 - Employee Involvement

- Must provide limited access to injury and illness records to employees, former employees and their personal and authoritative representatives
  - Provide copy of OSHA Form 300 by end of next business day
  - Provide copy of OSHA Form 301 to employee, former employee or *personal* representative by end of next business day
  - Provide copies of OSHA Form 301 to *authorized* representative within 7 calendar days. Provide only “Information about the case” section of form.



# 1904.40 - Providing Records to Government Representatives

- Must provide copies of the records within 4 business hours
- Use the business hours of the establishment where the records are located



# 1904.33 - Retention and Updating

- Retain forms for 5 years following the year that they cover
- Update the OSHA Form 300 during that period
- Do not need to update the OSHA Form 300A or OSHA Form 301



# 1904.36 - Prohibition Against Discrimination

- Section 11(c) of the Act prohibits you from discriminating against an employee for reporting a work-related fatality, injury or illness
- Section 11(c) also protects the employee who files a safety and health complaint, asks for access to the Part 1904 records, or otherwise exercises any rights afforded by the OSH Act



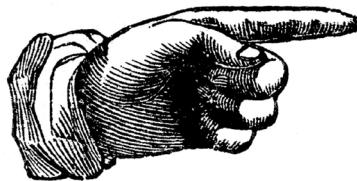
# 1904.37 - State Plans

- State-Plan States must have the same requirements as Federal OSHA for determining which injuries and illnesses are recordable and how they are recorded
- For other Part 1904 requirements, State-Plan requirements may be more stringent
- 1952.4 reflects these concepts



# Lesson 3 - *Posting*

Please Notice This



- Annual summary, OSHA 300A
- Job safety / health poster
- Citations and corresponding documents



# 1904.32 - Annual Summary

- Review OSHA Form 300 for completeness and accuracy, correct deficiencies
- Complete OSHA Form 300A
- Certify summary
- Post summary



# 1904.32 - Annual Summary

- A company executive must certify the summary:
  - An owner of the company
  - An officer of the corporation
  - The highest-ranking company official working at the establishment, or
  - His or her supervisor
- Must post for 3 month period from February 1 to April 30 of the year following the year covered by the summary



# Lesson 4 - Reporting

- Reporting fatalities, hospitalizations, amputations, loss of an eye - 1904.39
- Annual OSHA injury and illness surveys 1904.41
- BLS annual survey 1904.42
- Providing records to NIOSH / OSHA 1904.40



# 1904.39 - Reporting work-related fatalities, hospitalizations, amputations, loss of an eye

- Report fatality within 8 hours
- Report all work-related in-patient hospitalizations, amputations and loss of an eye with 24 hours
- Do not need to report highway or public street motor vehicle accidents (outside of a construction work zone)
- Do not need to report commercial airplane, train, subway or bus accidents



# Highlight – What's new?

- Rescind the requirement for establishments with 250 or more employees to electronically submit information from OSHA Forms 300 and 301. Maintain those records on-site for inspection.
- Continue to submit information from their Form 300A.
- Require covered employers to submit their Employer Identification Number (EIN) electronically along with their injury and illness data submission.



# Highlight – What's new?

Many, but not all, establishments must electronically report their Form 300A data to OSHA on an annual basis.

- Establishments with 20-249 employees that are classified in certain industries - See Appendix A of subpart E of Part 1904.
- Establishments with 250 or more employees that are currently required to keep OSHA injury and illness records

Covered establishments must submit information from their completed Form 300A by March 2 of each year.

OSHA provides a secure website where employers create an account, enter, and submit their data. Information about and access to the Injury Tracking Application (ITA) is available at <https://www.osha.gov/injuryreporting/index.html>



# Highlight – What's New?

**EFFECTIVE JAN. 1, 2024**

- Establishments with 100 or more employees in designated high-hazard industries (listed in Appendix B to Subpart E of 29 CFR Part 1904) must electronically submit to OSHA detailed information about each recordable injury and illness entered on their previous calendar year's OSHA Form 300 Log and Form 301 Incident Report (29 CFR 1904.41).



# For More Help

- OSHA's Recordkeeping Page
  - <https://www.osha.gov/recordkeeping/>
- Regional Recordkeeping Coordinators
  - <https://www.osha.gov/recordkeeping/RKcontacts.html>
- State Plans and State Consultation
  - [https://www.osha.gov/dcsp/smallbusiness/consult\\_directory.html](https://www.osha.gov/dcsp/smallbusiness/consult_directory.html)
- USF SafetyFlorida Consultation Program
  - [www.usfsafetyflorida.com](http://www.usfsafetyflorida.com)



# Thank You!



# How to Conduct an Incident Investigation

Your company has just experienced an incident resulting in an unintentional injury to a worker. Now what? Reacting quickly to the incident with a prescribed procedure and actions can demonstrate your company's commitment to safety and ensure the proper information is collected to fulfill an incident investigation's ultimate purpose – to prevent future incidents.

## Steps in an Investigation Process



The investigation process should begin after arranging for first aid or medical treatment for the injured person(s). In getting started, remind everyone involved—especially workers—the investigation is to learn and prevent, not find fault. Steps of the investigation process include:

1. Call or gather the necessary person(s) to conduct the investigation and obtain the investigation kit.
2. Secure the area where the injury occurred and preserve the work area as it is.
3. Identify and gather witnesses to the injury event.
4. Interview the involved worker.
5. Interview all witnesses.
6. Document the scene of the injury through photos or videos.
7. Complete the investigation report, including determination of what caused the incident and what corrective actions will prevent recurrences.
8. Use results to improve the injury and illness prevention program to better identify and control hazards before they result in incidents.
9. Ensure follow-up on completion of corrective actions.

## What to Include in the Documented Investigation Process

As with many processes, preparation and documentation are crucial. As part of the injury and illness prevention program, the investigation procedure should detail:

- Who should conduct and participate in the investigation
- Incidents to be investigated
- Information to be collected
- Identification of causal factors (often referred to as root causes)
- Determination of corrective actions
- Tracking completion of corrective actions

**Who is involved** - Normally, the investigation is conducted by the injured worker's immediate supervisor. However, assistance can also be provided by the safety practitioner, or team members from an investigative or review committee or safety committee if such teams exist. In cases involving a fatality, senior management personnel, engineering staff or legal counsel may also be involved. Those participating in the investigation would include the injured worker, witnesses to the incident or events preceding it, and the injured worker's immediate supervisor if some other person is conducting the investigation. The injured employee may also request the presence of an employee representative during the interview if contractual agreements are in place.

**What gets investigated** - Any incident resulting in a fatality, serious injury, or damage to property, equipment or environment should be thoroughly investigated. To obtain the best possible data to aid in predicting and preventing future incidents, it is also recommended that all recordable, first aid and near miss/close call incidents be investigated.

**Information to collect** - The type of information that should be collected during the investigation process includes:



- Worker characteristics (age, gender, department, job title, experience level, tenure in company and job, training records, and whether they are full-time, part-time, seasonal, temporary or contract)
- Injury characteristics (describe the injury or illness, part(s) of body affected and degree of severity)
- Narrative description and sequencing of events (location of incident; complete sequence of events leading up to the injury or near miss; objects or substances involved in event; conditions such as temperature, light, noise, weather; how injury occurred; whether preventive measure had been in place; what happened after injury or near miss occurred)
- Characteristics of equipment associated with incident (type, brand, size, distinguishing features, condition, specific part involved)
- Characteristics of the task being performed when incident occurred (general task, specific activity, posture and location of injured worker, working alone or with others)
- Time factors (time of day, hour in injured worker's shift, type of shift, phase of worker's day such as performing work, break time, mealtime, overtime, or entering/leaving facility)
- Supervision information (at time of incident whether injured worker was being supervised directly, indirectly, or not at all and whether supervision was feasible)
- Causal factors (specific events and conditions contributing to the incident)
- Corrective actions (immediate measures taken, interim or long-term actions necessary)



**What to have on hand** - To be prepared to complete an investigation promptly following an incident, it is best to have prepared a kit ahead of time that includes:

- Investigation forms
- Interview forms
- Barricade markers/tape
- Warning tags or padlocks
- Camera or video recorder
- PPE
- A pen
- Voice recorder
- Measuring tape
- Flashlight
- Sample containers

***Interviewing people*** - Interviewing injured workers and witnesses necessitates reducing their possible fear and anxiety, and developing a good rapport. Interviews should follow these steps:

1. Conduct the interview in a quiet and private place.
2. Use open ended questions.
3. State the purpose of the investigation and interview is to do fact-finding, or fault-finding.
4. Ask the individual to recount their version of what happened without interrupting.  
Take notes or record their response.
5. Ask clarifying questions to fill in missing information.
6. Reflect back to the interviewee the factual information obtained. Correct any inconsistencies.
7. Ask the individual what they think could have prevented the incident, focusing on the conditions and events preceding the injury.
8. Thank the witness.
9. Finish documenting the interview.

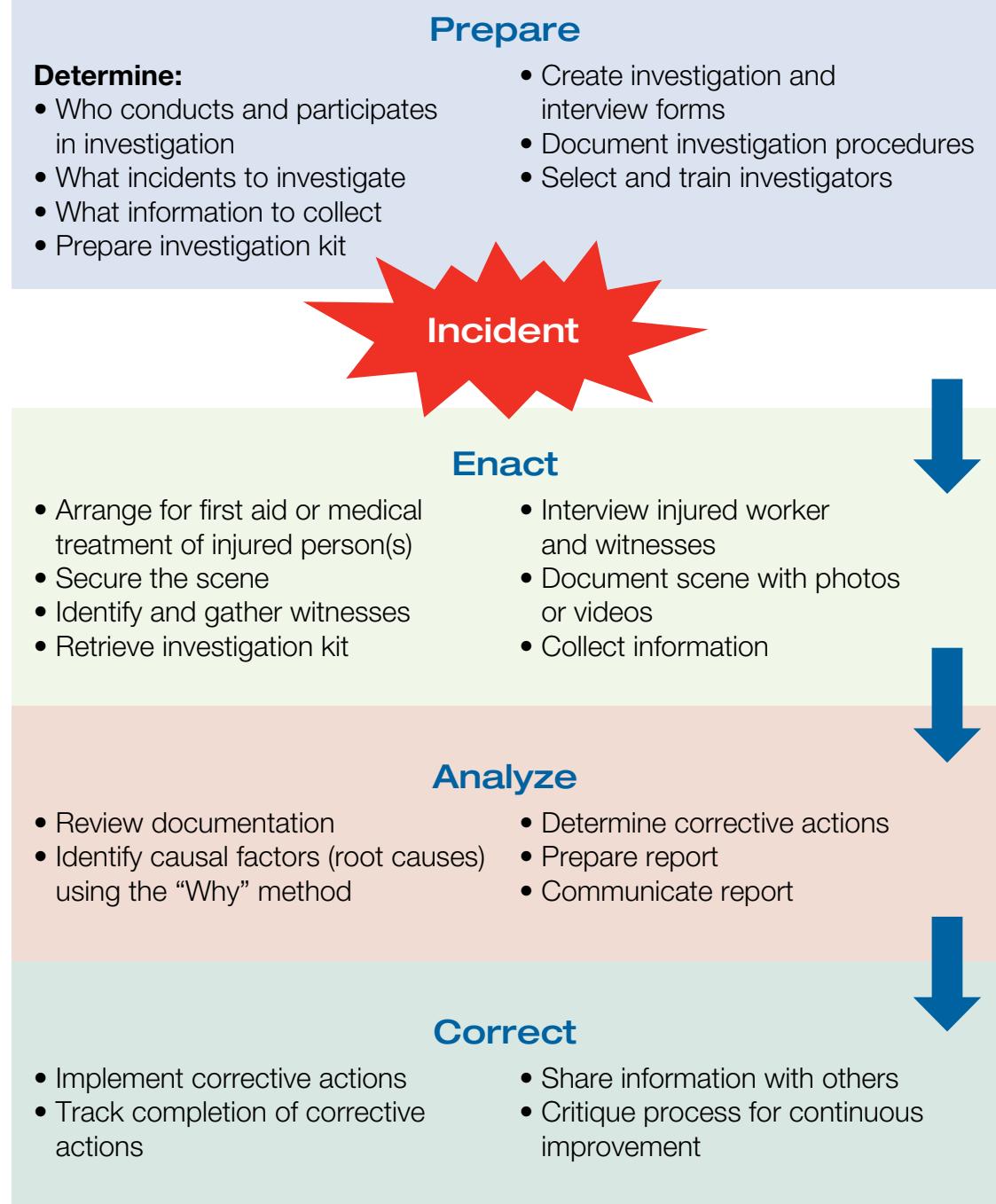
***Determining causal factors*** – The purpose of all this fact-finding is to determine all the contributing factors to why the incident occurred. Statements such as “worker was careless” or “employee did not follow safety procedures” don’t get at the root cause of the incident. To avoid these incomplete and misleading conclusions in your investigative process, continue to ask “Why?” as in “Why did the employee not follow safety procedures?” Contributing factors may involve equipment, environment, people and management. Questions that help reveal these may include:

1. Was a hazardous condition a contributing factor? (defects in equipment/tools/materials, condition recognized, equipment inspections, correct equipment used or available, substitute equipment used, design or quality of equipment)
2. Was the location of equipment/materials/worker(s) a contributing factor? (employee supposed to be there, sufficient workspace, environmental conditions)
3. Was the job procedure a contributing factor? (written or known procedures, ability to perform the job, difficult tasks within the job, anything encouraging deviation from job procedures such as incentives or speed of completion)
4. Was lack of personal protective equipment or emergency equipment a contributing factor? (PPE specified for job/task, adequacy of PPE, whether PPE used at all or correctly, emergency equipment specified, available, properly used, function as intended)
5. Was a management system defect a contributing factor? (failure of supervisor to detect or report hazardous condition or deviation from job procedure, supervisor accountability understood, supervisor or worker adequately trained, failure to initiate corrective action)

***Completing report and documenting corrective actions*** - At this point, once you’ve gathered information and interviewed the involved worker and any witnesses, you can prepare the investigation report itself and formulate corrective actions. Your company should have determined who the report is sent to, within what time frame and what information gets communicated to workers, management, or gets filed or posted. Each corrective action listed should have a person assigned ultimate responsibility for the action, a completion date set and a place to mark completion of the item.



# Incident Investigation Process Diagram



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Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act, employers are responsible for providing a safe and healthy workplace and workers have rights. OSHA can help answer questions or concerns from employers and workers. OSHA's On-site Consultation Program offers free and confidential advice to small and medium-sized businesses, with priority given to high-hazard worksites. For more information, contact your regional or area OSHA office, call 1-800-321-OSHA (6742), or visit [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov).

Nearly 11 workers die on the job each day and 5 million are injured in the U.S. annually. The National Safety Council has launched the **Journey to Safety Excellence®** Campaign, with national sponsor Grainger, to help keep your workers safe. The Journey provides you with free tools and resources to make workplaces of any size or industry safer. For more information and to become a part of a growing online community of safety practitioners, visit [nsc.org/journey](http://nsc.org/journey) and join today!



# General Requirements

## 29 CFR 1926 Subpart C



# General Safety and Health Provisions

## 1926.20

- No worker employed in the performance of the contract to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous to his health or safety.
- It is the employer's responsibility to initiate and maintain accident prevent programs



# General Safety and Health Provisions

## 1926.20

- Frequent and regular inspections of job sites and tools must be done by competent person.
- Workers must be qualified by training or experience to operate equipment or machinery.
- Employers must provide PPE



# Safety Training and Education

## 1926.21

- The Secretary shall establish and supervise programs through education and training of employees and employers in the recognition of unsafe condition.
- The employer should avail himself of the safety and health training programs the Secretary provides.



# First Aid and Medical Attention

## 1926.23

- First aid services shall be available for every employee.



# Fire Protection and Prevention

## 1926.24

- The employer is responsible for the development and maintenance of an effective fire protection and prevention program.



# Housekeeping

## 1926.25

- Form and scrap lumber with protruding nails and all other debris shall be kept cleared from work areas, passageways, and stairs.
- Combustible scrap and debris shall be removed regularly
- Containers shall be provided to collect and separate waste, trash, oily and used rags, and other refuse.
- Containers shall be equipped with covers.



# Illumination

## 1926.26

- Construction areas, aisles, stairs, ramps, runways, corridors, offices, shops, or storage areas where work is in progress shall be lighted either naturally or artificially.



# Sanitation

## 1926.27

- Covered in Subpart D



# Personal Protective Equipment

## 1926.28

- The employer is responsible for requiring the wearing of appropriate personal protective equipment in all operations where there is an exposure to hazardous conditions or where this part indicates the need for using such equipment to reduce the hazards to the employees.
- Specifications covered in Subpart E



# Acceptable Certifications

## 1926.29

- **Pressure vessels.** Current and valid certification by an insurance company or regulatory authority shall be deemed as acceptable evidence of safe installation, inspection, and testing of pressure vessels provided by the employer.
- **Boilers.** Boilers provided by the employer shall be deemed to be in compliance with the requirements of this part when evidence of current and valid certification by an insurance company or regulatory authority attesting to the safe installation, inspection, and testing is presented.
- **Other requirements.** Regulations prescribing specific requirements for other types of pressure vessels and similar equipment are contained in Subparts F and O of this part.



# Access to Employee Exposure and Medical Records

## 1926.33

- The requirements applicable to construction work under this section are identical to those set forth at 29 CFR 1910.1020.



# Means of Egress

## 1926.34

- Exits shall be marked by a readily visible sign.
- Means of egress shall be continually maintained free of all obstructions or impediments to full instant use in the case of fire or other emergency.
- In every building or structure exits shall be so arranged and maintained as to always provide free and unobstructed egress from all parts of the building or structure when it is occupied.



# Means of Egress

## 1926.34

- No lock or fastening to prevent free escape from the inside of any building shall be installed except in mental, penal, or corrective institutions where supervisory personnel is continually on duty and effective provisions are made to remove occupants in case of fire or other emergency.



# Employee Emergency Action Plans

## 1926.35

- Should be in writing and cover the actions of employer and employee in case of fire or other emergencies
- Should include routes and procedures, rescue and medical duties, and how to report.
- Employees shall receive initial training, renew training if plans or responsibilities change.



# QUESTIONS?



# OSHA 510

## OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH STANDARDS FOR CONSTRUCTION

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# Safety & Health Management Programs



# Objectives

Upon the successful completion of this module, participants will be able to:

- Discuss the costs of accidents and the benefits of safety and health programs.
- Describe the OSHA requirements and guidelines for safety and health programs in general industry.
- Discuss OSHA cooperative programs.



# Introduction

Employers will find that implementing these recommended practices also brings other benefits. Safety and health programs help businesses:

- **Prevent** workplace injuries and illnesses
- **Improve** compliance with laws and regulations
- **Reduce** costs, including significant reductions in workers' compensation premiums
- **Engage** workers
- **Enhance** their social responsibility goals
- **Increase** productivity and enhance overall business operations



## S & H Program Purpose

The main goal of safety and health programs is to prevent workplace injuries, illnesses, and deaths, as well as the suffering and financial hardship these events can cause for workers, their families, and employers.



# S & H Program Guidelines

- Goes beyond specific requirements of the law to focus on all hazards
- As the size of the workplace increases so does the need for a formalized written program
- Program effectiveness and written program should be in accord



# Major Elements

Keys to an effective program:

- 1. Management leadership and employee participation**
- 2. Hazard identification and assessment**
- 3. Hazard Prevention and Control**
- 4. Education and Training**
- 5. Program Evaluation and Improvement**
- 6. Communication and Coordination for Host Employers, Contractors and Staffing Agencies**



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# Management Leadership

Management provides:

Leadership, vision, and resources needed to implement an effective safety and health program



# Management Leadership

Actions to be taken:

- Communicate commitment to a safety and health program
- Define program goals
- Allocate resources
- Expect performance





# Management Leadership



Specific	Measurable	Attainable	Relevant	Time-Bound
Make sure your goals are focused and identify a tangible outcome. Without the specifics, your goal runs the risk of being too vague to achieve. Being more specific helps you identify what you want to achieve. You should also identify what resources you are going to leverage to achieve success.	You should have some clear definition of success. This will help you to evaluate achievement and also progress. This component often answers how much or how many and highlights how you'll know you achieved your goal.	Your goal should be challenging, but still reasonable to achieve. Reflecting on this component can reveal any potential barriers that you may need to overcome to realize success. Outline the steps you're planning to take to achieve your goal.	This is about getting real with yourself and ensuring what you're trying to achieve is worthwhile to you. Determining if this is aligned to your values and if it is a priority focus for you. This helps you answer the why.	Every goal needs a target date, something that motivates you to really apply the focus and discipline necessary to achieve it. This answers when. It's important to set a realistic time frame to achieve your goal to ensure you don't get discouraged.



# Worker Participation

- Worker participation means that workers are involved in establishing, operating, evaluating, and improving the safety and health program.
- All workers at a worksite should participate, including those employed by contractors, subcontractors, and temporary staffing agencies



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# Worker Participation

Actions to be taken:

- Encourage workers to participate in the program
- Encourage workers to report safety and health concerns
- Give workers access to safety and health information
- Involve workers in all aspects of the program
- Remove barriers in participation



# Hazard Identification and Assessment

To identify and assess hazards, employers and workers:

- Collect and review information about the hazards present or likely to be present in the workplace.
- Conduct initial and periodic workplace inspections of the workplace to identify new or recurring hazards.



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# Hazard Identification and Assessment

All jobsites, materials and equipment should be inspected by a competent person.



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# Competent vs. Qualified Person

- 1926.32(f)- **Competent person** means one who is capable of identifying existing and predictable hazards in the surroundings or working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous to employees, and who has authorization to take prompt corrective measures to eliminate them.
- 1926.32(m)-**Qualified** means one who, by possession of a recognized degree, certificate, or professional standing, or who by extensive knowledge, training, and experience, has successfully demonstrated his ability to solve or resolve problems relating to the subject matter, the work, or the project.



# Hazard Identification and Assessment

- Investigate injuries, illnesses, incidents, and close calls/near misses to determine the underlying hazards, their causes, and safety and health program shortcomings.
- Group similar incidents and identify trends in injuries, illnesses, and hazards reported.
- Consider hazards associated with emergency or nonroutine situations.



# Worksite Analysis

- Collect, organize, and review information with workers
- Some information available would be :
  - Equipment and Machinery Operating Manuals
  - SDS (Safety Data Sheet)
  - Inspection records
  - OSHA 300 and 301 logs & Worker's Compensation Records and reports
  - Existing safety and health programs
  - Results of JHAs (job hazard analyses)



# Identify Safety Hazards

- Use checklists that highlight things to look for. Typical hazards fall into several major categories, such as those listed below; each workplace will have its own list:
  - General housekeeping
  - Slip, trip, and fall hazards
  - Electrical hazards
  - Equipment operation
  - Equipment maintenance
  - Fire protection
  - Work organization and process flow (including staffing and scheduling)
  - Work practices
  - Workplace violence
  - Ergonomic problems
  - Lack of emergency procedures



## Conduct Incident Investigations

- Develop a clear plan and procedure for conducting incident investigations, so that an investigation can begin immediately when an incident occurs. The plan should cover items such as:
  - Who will be involved
  - Lines of communication
  - Materials, equipment, and supplies needed
  - Reporting forms and templates



# Worksite Analysis

- Evaluate each hazard.
- Use interim control measures
- Prioritize the hazards



# Hazard Prevention and Control

- Determine if a hazard exists
- Where feasible, eliminate by job or task design / redesign
- If elimination is not feasible, then control the hazard:
  - Engineering controls
  - Administrative controls
  - Personal protective equipment (PPE)





# Hazard Prevention and Control

## Action Items:

1. Identify control options
2. Select controls
3. Develop and update a hazard control plan
4. Select controls to protect workers during nonroutine operations and emergencies
5. Implement selected controls in the workplace
6. Follow up to confirm that controls are effective



# Safety and Health Training

Education and training provides employers, managers, supervisors, and workers with:

- Knowledge and skills needed to do their work safely and avoid creating hazards that could place themselves or others at risk.
- Awareness and understanding of workplace hazards and how to identify, report, and control them.
- Specialized training, when their work involves unique hazards.



# Safety and Health Training

## Action Items

- Provide program awareness training
- Train:
  - Roles in the program for all employees and employers
  - Worker hazard identification and control





# Recommended Practices for Safety and Health Programs



## GETTING STARTED



## CORE ELEMENTS



## NEW: STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE



## EXPLORE TOOLS

## A **safe** workplace is **sound** business

The Recommended Practices are designed to be used in a wide variety of small and medium-sized business settings. The Recommended Practices present a step-by-step approach to implementing a safety and health program, built around seven core elements that make up a successful program.

The main goal of safety and health programs is to prevent workplace injuries, illnesses, and deaths, as well as the suffering and financial hardship these events can cause for workers, their families, and employers. The recommended practices use a proactive approach to managing workplace safety and health. Traditional approaches are often reactive –that is, problems are addressed only after a worker is injured or becomes sick, a new standard or regulation is published, or an outside inspection finds a problem that must be fixed. These recommended practices recognize that finding and fixing hazards before they cause injury or illness is a far more effective approach.

The idea is to begin with a basic program and simple goals and grow from there. If you focus on achieving goals, monitoring performance, and evaluating outcomes, your workplace can progress along the path to higher levels of safety and health achievement.



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# OSHA

## Alliances, Strategic Partnerships, VPP



## Alliances

- Enables ***organizations*** committed to workplace safety and health to collaborate with OSHA to prevent injuries and illnesses in the workplace
- OSHA and its allies work together to reach out to, educate, and lead the nation's employers and their employees in improving and advancing workplace safety and health.



# How Alliances Work

Alliances support OSHA's strategic goals by conducting collaborative activities that emphasize:

- Raising Awareness Through Outreach and Communication
- Training and Education





# Getting Started with Alliances

- For national Alliances, contact OSHA's Office of Outreach Services and Alliances at 202-693-2340.
- For regional or local Alliances, contact the OSHA regional office for your area.



## OSHA Strategic Partnerships

The OSHA Strategic Partnership Program Directive (OSPP), originally adopted on November 13, 1998 and revised effective November 6, 2013, is an expansion and formalization of OSHA's substantial experience with voluntary programs.



## Voluntary Protection Program (VPP)

- Designed to recognize and promote effective safety and health management.
- In the VPP, management, labor, and OSHA establish a cooperative relationship at a workplace that has implemented a strong program:
  - Management program that meets OSHA criteria
  - Employees participate & work with management
  - OSHA provides public recognition
  - Removal from routine inspections



# For More Information

- <https://www.osha.gov/dcsp/>

## Directorate of Cooperative and State Programs (DCSP)

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*The Directorate of Cooperative and State Programs implements OSHA's cooperative programs, coordinates the agency's compliance assistance and outreach activities, coordinates the agency's relations with State Plans, and oversees international issues for OSHA.*

### DCSP Functions

#### Cooperative Programs

OSHA offers a number of avenues for businesses and organizations to work cooperatively with the Agency. DCSP implements the following cooperative programs and initiatives:

- Alliance Program
- OSHA Challenge
- Safety & Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP)
- OSHA Strategic Partnership Program (OSPP)
- Voluntary Protection Programs (VPP)

#### State Plans

DCSP coordinates the Agency's activities with OSHA-approved State Plans.

#### International

For questions related to international safety and health issues, please contact the Department of Labor's Bureau of International Labor Affairs (ILAB) at (202) 693-4855 or visit their [website](#).

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# OSHA's Consultation Service

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# OSHA Consultation Service

- This no-cost safety and health consultation program is separate from the OSHA inspection effort.
- OSHA's On-Site Consultation Program offers no-cost and confidential occupational safety and health services to small- and medium-sized businesses in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and several U.S. territories, with priority given to high-hazard worksites.
- On-Site Consultation services are separate from enforcement and do not result in penalties or citations.





# USF SafetyFlorida

The Consultation Program provides:

- On-site safety and health hazard assessments, including hazard recognition and prevention,
- Written program evaluations,
- Noise monitoring and air sampling,
- Comprehensive safety and health management system evaluations,
- Formal and informal training, to include technical updates on OSHA standards and Trend analysis.