

OSHA's Top 10 Violations 2016



1 Fall Protection, 6,929 citations - 39.9% of deaths in the Construction industry are fall related. Roofing, framing & single family contractors were the most cited employers.

2 Hazard Communications, 5,677 citations - OSHA found numerous instances of inadequate training, lack of data sheets & unaddressed chemical exposure controls.

3 Scaffolding, 3,906 citations - Framing, roofing, siding & masonry contractors were among the most cited employers. Improper assembly and access to scaffolding were noted.

4 Respiratory Protection, 3,585 citations - Employees wore respirators but were not medically evaluated, were put in situations with overexposure to contaminants or weren't properly fit-tested for respirators.

5 Lockout/Tagout, 3,414 citations - Employees were not trained in proper procedures, procedures were non-existent or employers did not perform inspections of procedures.

6 Powered Industrial Trucks, 2,860 citations - Investigators found operators who lacked certification, were not trained on the hazards associated within the facility & workers who did not maintain safe use of the vehicle.

7 Ladders, 2,639 citations - Improper use of portable ladders, ladders not being used according to their design & lack of training were amongst the most cited hazards.



8 Machine Guarding 2,451 citations - As well as inadequate machine guarding, inspectors saw machinery that was not anchored/fixed as it should be and the use of tools to operate machinery which cause hazards.

9 Electrical Wiring 1,940 citations - Unsafe substitutes for permanent wiring and incorrect use of extension cords

10 Electrical, General Requirements, 1,740 citations - Most common offences included electrical equipment not installed properly or used in accordance with recommended use.



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