



OSHA ISSUES TOP 10 WORKPLACE SAFETY VIOLATIONS FOR 2017

Deputy Director of OSHA's Directorate of Enforcement Programs top ten (10) most cited standards from workplace inspections by OSHA.

The list reflects the areas where employers show the most vulnerability, but also highlights the areas OSHA focuses during inspections.

TOP TEN VIOLATIONS FOR 2017

- Fall protection in construction (29 CFR 1926.501) – 6,072 violations
- Hazard Communication (29 CFR 1910.1200) – 4,176 violations



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- Scaffolding (29 CFR 1926.451) – 3,288 violations
- Respiratory Protection (29 CFR 1910.134) – 3,097 violations
- Lockout/Tagout (29 CFR 1910.147) – 2,877 violations
- Ladders in construction (29 CFR 1926.1053) – 2,241 violations
- Powered Industrial Trucks (29 CFR 1910.178) 2,162 violations
- Machine Guarding
(29 CFR 1910.212) –
1,933 violations
- Fall Protection
training requirements
(29 CFR 1926.503)
1,523 violations
- Electrical
wiring methods
(29 CFR 1910.305)
1,405 violations





A FEW OF THE 2017 PROPOSED MONETARY PENALTIES

OSHA proposed penalties stemming from a single incident or related incidents in which one or more companies are alleged to have failed to adhere to safe work practices

- Joon LLC/Ajin USA/Alliance HR Inc./Alliance Total Solutions LLC/Joynus Staffing
Auto parts supplier, staffing agencies in Cuss, AL
Worker was crushed to death while clearing a sensor fault in a robotic conveyor belt where metal parts are stamped. Total of 42 violations were cited, \$2,600,000 fine imposed
- Atlantic Drain Service Co., Inc. in Boston, MA
Two workers drowned after a trench collapsed, breaking an adjacent fire hydrant line and instantly flooding the trench. Failure to shore trench, train to recognize cave-ins. Similar hazards in 2007 and 2012. Total of 18 violations were cited, \$1,500,000 fine imposed.
- Great White Construction, Inc., St Augustine, FL.
Workers removing shingles and roof sheeting from multistory building without proper fall protection. Harnesses were not tied off to the rope grabs and roof anchors. Similar failures observed by OSHA at other Great White job sites. Issued 14 citations. Previous five (5) years numerous violations resulting in \$1,500,000 fine imposed



Please note the following are the top causes of accidents/injuries in construction:

- ❖ Falls from height due to improper scaffolding and improper use of ladders
- ❖ Falling objects/struck by an object due to improper securing/placement of overhead items
- ❖ Electrocution because of improper grounding, lockout and tagout
- ❖ Tripping hazards due to unkempt job sites and office work locations
- ❖ Hearing Protection from excessive noise and vibrating tools

