

OSHA's Top 10 Most Cited Violations of 2019

(As of October 12, 2019)

This year's top 10 is largely the same as last year's, though No. 4 and No. 5 have switched places. The OSHA top 10 is again split between construction-related violations and general industry-related violations.

For the ninth consecutive year, Fall Protection – General Requirements is OSHA's most frequently cited standard

1. **Fall Protection (1926.501)**
Number of Violations: 6,010
2. **Hazard Communication - General Requirements (1910.200)**
Number of Violations: 3,671
3. **Scaffolding - General Requirements (1926.451)**
Number of Violations: 2,813
4. **Control of Hazardous Energy - Lockout/Tagout (1910.147)**
Number of Violations: 2,606
5. **Respiratory Protection (1910.134)**
Number of Violations: 2,450
6. **Ladders (1926.1053)**
Number of Violations: 2,345
7. **Powered Industrial Trucks (1910.178)**
Number of Violations: 2,093
8. **Fall Protection – Training Requirements (1926.503)**
Number of Violations: 1,773
9. **Machine Guarding– General Requirement (1910.212)**
Number of Violations: 1,743
10. **Personal Protective and Lifesaving Equipment – Eye and Face Protection (1926.102) -**
Number of Violations: 1,411



Most Cited Violations of 2018

1. **Fall Protection** (1926.501)
Number of Violations: 7,270
2. **Hazard Communication - General Requirements** (1910.200)
Number of Violations: 4,552
3. **Scaffolding - General Requirements** (1926.451)
Number of Violations: 3,336
4. **Respiratory Protection** (1910.134)
Number of Violations: 3,118
5. **Control of Hazardous Energy - Lockout/Tagout** (1910.147)
Number of Violations: 2,944
6. **Ladders** (1926.1053)
Number of Violations: 2,812
7. **Powered Industrial Trucks** (1910.178)
Number of Violations: 2,294
8. **Fall Protection – Training Requirements (1926.503)**
Number of Violations: 1,982
9. **Machine Guarding**– General Requirement (1910.212)
Number of Violations: 1,972
10. **Personal Protective and Lifesaving Equipment – Eye and Face Protection (1926.102) -**
Number of Violations: 1, 536

Note: This is the first appearance of this construction standard on the list.



Most Cited Violations of 2017

1. Fall Protection (1926.501)
2. Hazard Communication (1910.1200)
3. Scaffolding (1926.451)
4. Respiratory Protection (1910.134)
5. Control of Hazardous Energy -
Lockout/Tagout (1910.147)
6. Ladders (1926.1053)
7. Powered Industrial Trucks (1910.178)
8. Machine Guarding– General
Requirement (1910.212)
9. Fall Protection – Training Requirements
(1926.503)
10. Electrical – Wiring Methods (1910.305)

Most Cited Violations of 2016

1. Fall Protection (1926.501)
2. Hazard Communication (1910.1200)
3. Scaffolding (1926.451)
4. Respiratory Protection (1910.134)
5. Control of Hazardous Energy -
Lockout/Tagout (1910.147)
6. Powered Industrial Trucks (1910.178)
7. Ladders (1926.1053)
8. Machine Guarding - General Requirement
(1910.212)
9. Electrical - Wiring Methods (1910.305)
10. Electrical - General Requirement (1910.303)

Most Cited Violations of 2015

1. Fall Protection (1926.501)
2. Hazard Communication (1910.1200)
3. Scaffolding (1926.451)
4. Respiratory Protection (1910.134)
5. Control of Hazardous Energy -
Lockout/Tagout (1910.147)
6. Powered Industrial Trucks (1910.178)
7. Ladders (1926.1053)
8. Electrical - Wiring Methods (1910.305)
9. Machine Guarding - General Requirement
(1910.212)
10. Electrical - General (1910.303)

Most Cited Violations of 2014

1. Fall Protection (1926.501)
2. Hazard Communication (1910.1200)
3. Scaffolding (1926.451)
4. Respiratory Protection (1910.134)
5. Control of Hazardous Energy -
Lockout/Tagout (1910.147)
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