

2017 OSHA TOP 10 VIOLATIONS

The Occupational Health & Safety Administration (OSHA) has recently released its **2017 Top 10 Most Cited Violations** for the fiscal year October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017. This list is published annually by OSHA to raise awareness for both employers and employees regarding the most cited and dangerous workforce hazards.

Over the last four years the Top 5 most cited violations have remained in the exact same order as follows: (1) Fall Protection, (2) Hazard Communication, (3) Scaffolding, (4) Respiratory Protection, and (5) Lockout/Tagout.

Machine Guarding has risen from #10 to #8 on the list with 2,109 violations in 2017. This quick rise to #8 in a relatively short period of time indicates there is much work that needs to be done in providing the proper protection for workers exposed to machinery.



Below is OSHA's Top 10 list with the rank, regulation, code and number of violations cited.

Rank	Regulation	Code	Number
1	Fall Protection General	1926.501	6,887
2	Hazard Communication	1910.12	4,652
3	Scaffolding	1926.451	3,697
4	Respiratory Protection	1910.134	3,381
5	Lockout/Tagout	1910.147	3,131
6	Ladders	1926.1053	2,567
7	Power Industrial Trucks	1910.178	2,349
8	MACHINE GUARDING	1910.212	2,109
9	Fall Protection Training	1926.503	1,724
10	Electrical Wiring Methods	1910.305	1,503

The Top 10 list is a great tool that can help employers remain vigilant in their focus and responsibility to provide a safe work environment for employees. OSHA has made it clear that workplace safety enforcement is one of its primary goals considering the increase in penalties by 78% that went into effect on August 1, 2016.

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