

OSHA Violations in the Workplace

Each year the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) releases the top ten most cited violations it encounters during the workplace safety inspections the agency conducts throughout the U. S. **Do you recognize any of these violations (respiratory protection, lockout/tagout, fall protection, hazard communication, scaffolding, machine guarding, electrical, ladders or powered industrial trucks) as problem areas in your workplace?**

1. Fall Protection: Equip all of your employees who are working at heights with appropriate fall protection gear that complies with the ANSI Z359 safety standard.
2. Hazard Communication: Be sure to identify and evaluate all chemical hazards in your workplace and then share that critical information with all of your employees.
3. Scaffolding: Follow established guidelines to help protect your employees who are working on or near scaffolding at heights of 10 feet or higher.
4. Respiratory Protection: NIOSH-certified respirators help protect your employees from air contaminants such as dust, fumes, gases, mist, sprays and vapors.
5. Lockout/Tagout: Follow proper lockout tagout procedures and get the products you need to help prevent the accidental startup of your machinery.
6. Industrial Trucks: Maintenance, operator training and certification on forklifts, motorized hand trucks and pallet trucks is a crucial component of facility safety.
7. Ladders: When selecting a ladder, consider the length needed, the ladder's duty rating and the environment in which the work will be performed.
8. Electrical Wiring: To help avoid potential violations, inspect your wiring and insulation, plus take steps to ensure proper grounding of electrical equipment.
9. Machine Guarding: Guard your machinery to help protect operators and others from hazards, such as rotating parts, flying chips, sparks and other dangers.
10. Electrical Systems: Follow factory instructions when designing, installing and using electrical equipment to help stay in compliance and avoid workplace accidents