

OSHA's TOP 10 FOR 2006

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OSHA says they are 'getting to places they need to be' – the worksites and industries where injury, illness and fatality rates are highest.

OSHA's Top 10 lists can help employers and safety managers assess the readiness of their safety programs. The most cited violations for fiscal year 2006 fall into the same categories as 2005. The only major change was ladder violations moving from the 10th position in 2005 to the 9th position in 2006. In addition to the Top 10 "most cited" violations list below, the Top 10 "willful" and Top 10 "serious" are also provided. Upon review, if you have any questions regarding this information, the OSHA regulations or the compliance status of your company's Health & Safety plan, please contact our Tampa office.

TOP 10 MOST CITED VIOLATIONS

1. Scaffolding (Standard 1926.451)
2. Hazard Communication (Standard 1910.1200)
3. Fall Protection (Standard 1926.501)
4. Respiratory Protection (Standard 1910.134)
5. Lockout/Tagout (Standard 1910.147)
6. Powered Industrial Trucks (Standard 1910.178)
7. Electrical – Wiring (Standard 1910.305)
8. Machine Guarding (Standard 1910.212)
9. Ladders (Standard 1910.1053)
10. Electrical – General (Standard 1910.303)

TOP 10 WILLFUL¹ VIOLATIONS

1. Excavations (Standard 1926.652)
2. Lead in Construction (Standard 1926.62)
3. Fall Protection (Standard 1926.501)
4. Respiratory Protection (Standard 1910.134)
5. Excavations – Specific Requirements (Standard 1926.651)
6. Scaffolding (Standard 1926.451)
7. Machine Guarding (Standard 1910.212)
8. Lockout/Tagout (Standard 1910.147)
9. Occupational Noise Exposure (Standard 1910.95)
10. Lead/PSM of Highly Hazardous Chemicals (Standard 1910.1025 and 1910.119)

¹ Defined as one "committed with an intentional disregard of or plain indifference to the requirements of the OSHA regulations".

TOP 10 SERIOUS² VIOLATIONS

1. Scaffolding (Standard 1926.451)
2. Fall Protection (Standard 1926.501)
3. Hazard Communication (Standard 1910.1200)
4. Lockout/Tagout (Standard 1910.147)
5. Respiratory Protection (Standard 1910.134)
6. Machine Guarding (Standard 1910.212)
7. Electrical – Wiring (Standard 1910.305)
8. Powered Industrial Trucks (Standard 1910.178)
9. Ladders (Standard 1926.1053)
10. Mech. Power Transmission (Standard 1910.219)

² Defined as "one in which there is substantial probability that death or serious physical harm could result, and the employer knew or should have known of the hazard".