

OSHA's Top 10 Violations- 2018

1. Fall Protection—General Requirements: 1226.501, with 7,720 violations
 - Each employee above 6 feet (4 for General Industry) was not protected from falling
 - Above 6 feet (4 for General Industry) walking/working surface was not protected from falling
 - Employees engaged in roofing activity were not protected from falling on sides 6 feet or higher
 - Employees on steep roofs were not protected from falling on sides 6 feet or higher
 - Employees were not protected from open holes that were 6 feet or higher (4 for General Industry)
2. Hazard Communication: 1910.1200, with 4,552 violations
 - Employer did not develop, implement, or maintain a written hazard communication program
 - Employer did not provide employees with effective information and training
 - Employer did not maintain copies of the required Safety Data Sheets
 - Chemical manufacturers and importers did not develop or obtain Safety Data Sheets
 - Product identifier and words, pictures, symbols, or combination thereof where not used to provide employee with information about the chemical
3. Scaffolds—General Requirements: 1926.451, with 3,336 violations
 - Employees 10 feet or higher were not protected from falling
 - Clear access was not available when scaffold platforms are more than 2 feet above or below access point (i.e. ladders, stairs, ramp, etc)
 - Each platform was not fully planked or decked
 - Employees were not protected by the use of personal fall arrest systems or guardrails
 - Supported scaffold poles, legs, posts, frames, and uprights were not on a firm foundation
4. Respiratory Protection: 1910.134, with 3,118 violations
 - Employer did not have medical evaluations performed for employees
 - Employer did not have an established respiratory protection program
 - Employer did not ensure employees received proper fit testing (required annually)
 - Employer did not have employees sign Appendix D when there was voluntary use of a respirator
 - Basic information was not provided to employees who voluntarily wear respirators
5. Lockout/Tagout: 1910.147, with 2,944 violations
 - Procedures were not developed to control potentially hazardous energy
 - Periodic inspections of procedures, at least annually, were not performed
 - A Lockout/Tagout program was not established
 - Employees were not properly training (required annually)
 - Affected employees were not being notified of application and removal of locks

6. Ladders: 1926.1053, with 2,812 violations
 - Extension ladders were not placed 3 feet above the landing surface, or secured
 - Ladders were used for purposes they were not designed for
 - The top step was being used as a step
 - Ladders were defective while being used
 - Extension ladders were not at the proper angle, to help prevent tips and falls
7. Powered Industrial Trucks: 1910.178, with 2,294 violations
 - PIT operators were not evaluated to show drivers were competent
 - PIT operators were not being reevaluated every three years
 - Employer did not have proper records of training and evaluations
 - PIT was in need of repair or was unsafe for use
 - PIT operators were not being trained (required to be trained and authorized by each employer)
8. Fall Protection—Training Requirements: 1926.503, with 1,982 violations
 - Employer did not provide a training program
 - Employer did not provide a written certificate of training
 - Employees showed lack of knowledge or use of fall protection systems or equipment
 - Employees were not trained by a competent person
 - Guardrails, fall arrest systems, safety nets, warning lines, monitoring, controlled access, or other protection was not being used or used improperly
9. Machine Guarding: 1926.212, with 1,972 violations
 - One or more methods of machine guarding were not provided
 - The point of operation of a machine was not properly guarded
 - Machines designed for a fixed location were not securely anchored
 - Guards need to be affixed to the machine, and shall not create any additional hazards
 - Hand tools were not properly guarded
10. Personal Protective Equipment: 1926.102, with 1,536 violations
 - Proper eye and face protection were not being used by employees
 - Eye protection with protective eye shields were not being used when hazards required them
 - Employees who wear prescription lenses were not being properly protected
 - Protective eye and face protection did not comply with a consensus standard (such as ANSI)