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## **OSHA's Continuing Mission**

- OSHA and its state partners, coupled with efforts of employers, safety & health professionals, unions and advocates, have helped dramatically reduce workplace injuries and illnesses.
- Worker fatalities in America are down on average, from 38 workers a day in 1970 to 15 a day in 2019.
- Worker injuries and illnesses are down from 10.9 incidents per 100 workers in 1972 to 2.8 per 100 in 2019.



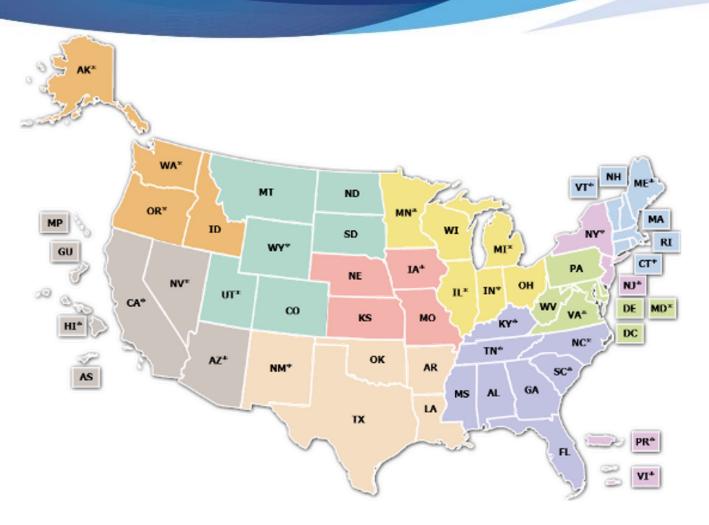
## **OSHA's Balanced Approach**

- Enforcement
- Outreach
- Compliance Assistance





# **How OSHA is Organized**



- Region 1: Boston
- Region 2: New York
- Region 3: Philadelphia
- Region 4: Atlanta
- Region 5: Chicago
- Region 6: Dallas
- Region 7: Kansas City
- Region 8: Denver
- Region 9: San Francisco
- Region 10: Seattle



# Regional and Area Office Functions

- Inspections
- Compliance Assistance
- Outreach
- Training
- Penalty Collection
- Abatement Assurance





### **Employer Responsibilities**

- Provide a workplace free from serious recognized hazards (OSH Act general duty clause)
- Comply with applicable OSHA standards
- Provide safety training required by OSHA standards in a way that workers can understand
- Post the OSHA poster, report fatalities and severe injuries, and comply with injury/illness recordkeeping requirements



#### **OSHA Enforcement**



OSHA sets enforcement policy and targeted inspection programs, and responds to fatalities, catastrophes and complaints.



### **Inspections by Federal OSHA**

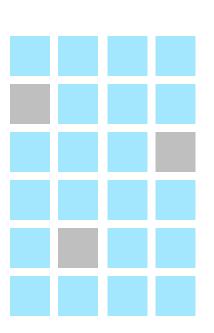


\*The COVID-19 global pandemic caused by the novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 occurred during this time.



## **Inspection Types**

- Unprogrammed inspections
- Programmed inspections





# **Unprogrammed Activity**

- Imminent Danger
- Fatality/Catastrophe
- Complaints/Referrals





# **Programmed Activity**

- Special Emphasis Programs
- Site-Specific Targeting

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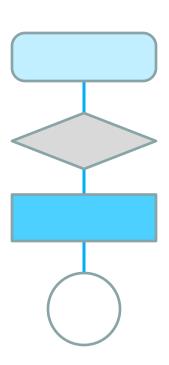
# Special Emphasis Programs

- Amputations
- Automotive
- Warehousing
- Powered Industrial Vehicles
- Silica
- Noise
- Falls in construction
- Heat Injuries and Illnesses



# **The Inspection Process**

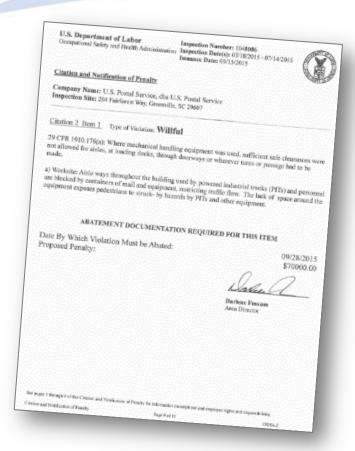
- Opening Conference
- Walkaround
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- Contest/Resolution





#### **Violation Elements**

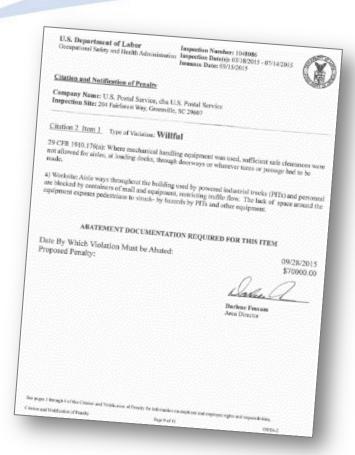
- Applicable Standard
- Existence of Hazard
- Exposure to Hazard
- Employer Knowledge





### Violation Classification

- Other-than-Serious
- Serious
- Repeated
- Willful
- Failure to Abate





## **Top 10 Violations: FY 2021**

#### Most frequently cited OSHA standards during FY 2021 inspections:

- 1. Fall Protection General Requirements (1926.501)
- 2. Respiratory Protection (1910.134)
- 3. Ladders (1926.1053)
- 4. Scaffolding (1926.451)
- 5. Hazard Communication (1910.1200)

- 6. Lockout/Tagout (1910.147)
- 7. Fall Protection Training Requirements (1926.503)
- 8. Eye and Face Protection (1926.102)
- 9. Powered Industrial Trucks (1910.178)
- **10. Machine Guarding (1910.212)**



# Top 10 Violations in Construction FY 2021



- 1. Fall Protection General Requirements (1926.501)
- 2. Ladders (1926.1053)
- 3. Scaffolding (1926.451)
- 4. Fall Protection Training (1926.503)
- 5. Eye and Face Protection (1926.102)

- 6. Head Protection (1926.100)
- 7. General Safety and Health Provisions (1926.20)
- 8. Aerial Lifts (1926.453)
- 9. Specific Excavation Requirements (1926.651)
- 10. Fall Protection Systems Criteria and Practices (1926.502)



# Top Ten Violations in General Industry FY 2021

- 1. Respiratory Protection (1910.134)
- 2. Hazard Communication (1910.1200)
- 3. Powered Industrial Trucks (1910.178)
- 4. Control of Hazardous Energy, Lockout/Tagout (1910.147)
- 5. Reporting fatalities, hospitalizations, amputations, and losses of an eye as a result of work-related incidents (1904.39)

- 6. General Requirements, Electrical (1910.303)
- 7. Wiring methods, components, and equipment for general use (1910.305)
- 8. General Requirements, Personal Protective Equipment (1910.132)
- 9. General Duty Clause (OSH Act of 1970, Section 5(a)1)
- 10. General Requirements, Machinery and Machine Guarding (1910.212)



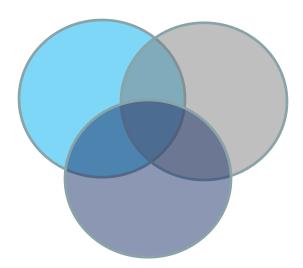
# **OSHA Penalty Levels: 2022**

Type of Violation	New Maximum
<ul><li>Serious and</li><li>Other-Than-Serious</li><li>Posting Requirements</li></ul>	\$14,502 per violation
Willful or Repeated	\$145,027 per violation
Failure to Abate	\$14,502 per day beyond the abatement date



## **Penalty Adjustment Factors**

- History
- Good Faith
- Size





### **Safety Pays**

- Workplace injuries and fatalities cost our economy \$171 billion in 2019. (NSC Injury Facts)
- Even one workplace injury can have a huge financial impact on small businesses
- Employers with good safety records attract and retain good employees







Estimator

Background

Back to OSHA Small Business

OSHA's "\$afety Pays" program can help employers assess the impact of occupational injuries and illnesses on their profitability. This program uses a company's profit margin, the average costs of an injury or illness, and an indirect cost multiplier to project the amount of sales a company would need to cover those costs. The program is intended as a tool to raise awareness of how occupational injuries and illnesses can impact a company's profitability, not to provide a detailed analysis of a particular company's occupational injury and illness costs.

The "\$afety Pays" program will:

- Allow users to pick an injury type from a drop-down list or to enter their workers' compensation costs
- Prompt users for information to do the analysis, including their profit margin and number of injuries
- Generate a report of the costs and the sales needed to cover those costs

**BEGIN** 

For additional information on how "\$afety Pays" works, see Background of the Cost Estimates



## Compliance Assistance

#### OSHA helping employers:

- **24 million** visitors to OSHA's website in FY 2021
- √ 311,000 responses to OSHA 1-800 calls for help
- √ 11,900 e-mail requests for assistance answered
- √ 5,700 outreach activities by Regional & Area Offices
- √ 17,600 small businesses helped through Consultation



#### **Compliance Assistance Specialists**

- Work out of OSHA's Area Offices
- Provide general information about OSHA's standards and compliance assistance resources
- Available for seminars, workshops, and speaking events





## **OSHA** publications

for every workplace training need



#### **New Compliance Assistance Resources**





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Employers / New Compliance Assistance Products

#### New Compliance Assistance Products

The following are some of OSHA's recently issued or updated compliance assistance products. Many publications with an OSHA publication number can be downloaded or ordered from the OSHA Publications page. They can also be ordered by telephone from the OSHA Publications Office at (202) 693-1888 or (800) 321-OSHA (6742).

- COVID-19
- Alerts
- Booklets
- Brochures
- Cards
- Fact Sheets
- Flyers/Handouts
- Handbooks
- Pamphlets
- Posters
- Public Service Announcements
- QuickCards
- Videos



Quarterly New Resources Reports



New Products Archive



#### **OSHA On-Site Consultation Program**

- No cost to employers
- Separate from enforcement and confidential
- Identifies workplace hazards
- Advises on compliance with OSHA standards
- Helps employers establish safety and health programs
- More than 670,000 workers removed from hazards in FY 2021



# Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP)

- Recognizes small business employers who have used On-Site Consultation services and operate exemplary safety and health programs
- Companies must meet strict eligibility requirements to be recognized, and receive deferrals from OSHA's programmed enforcement inspections
- 1,130 SHARP sites across U.S.



OSHA offers the following cooperative programs under which businesses, labor groups, and other organizations can work cooperatively with the Agency to help prevent fatalities, injuries, and illnesses in the workplace. For help on deciding which cooperative programs are right for you, see <a href="Find a Cooperative Program">Find a Cooperative Program</a>. If you are located in a State with an <a href="OSHA-approved State Plan">OSHA-approved State Plan</a>, please contact your state agency for information about cooperative programs.



#### **Alliance Program**

Through the Alliance Program, OSHA works with groups committed to worker safety and health to prevent workplace fatalities, injuries, and illnesses. OSHA and the groups work together to develop compliance assistance tools and resources, share information with workers and employers, and educate workers and employers about their rights and responsibilities. [More...]

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#### OSHA Strategic Partnership Program (OSPP)

The OSPP provides the opportunity for OSHA to partner with employers, workers, professional or trade associations, labor organizations, and/or other interested stakeholders. Each OSHA Strategic Partnership establishes specific goals, strategies, and performance measures to improve worker safety and health.

[More...]



#### Voluntary Protection Programs (VPP)

The VPP recognize employers and workers in the private industry and federal agencies who have implemented effective safety and health management systems and maintain injury and illness rates below national Bureau of Labor Statistics averages for their respective industries. [More...]



#### **OSHA Challenge Program**

OSHA Challenge provides interested employers and workers the opportunity to gain assistance in improving their safety and health management systems.

Challenge Administrators experienced in safety and health guide Challenge

Participants through a three-stage process to implement an effective system to prevent fatalities, injuries, and illnesses. [More...]



#### On-site Consultation Program's Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program

Employers that have a full On-site

Consultation visit and meet other
requirements may be recognized under

SHARP for their exemplary safety and
health management systems. Worksites
that receive SHARP recognition are
exempt from programmed inspections
during the period that the SHARP
certification is valid. [More...]



### **Training and Education**

- OSHA Outreach Training Program (10- and 30-hour cards)
- OSHA Training Institute
   Education Centers
- Susan Harwood Training Grants





### **Outreach Training Program**

- Provides workers with training about common safety and health hazards
  - > Construction
  - General Industry
  - ➤ Maritime Industry
  - ➤ Disaster Site Worker
- Students get OSHA 10-hour or 30-hour course completion card
- More than 1 million students trained in FY 2020





#### **OTI Education Centers**

- Over 50 courses available in construction, general, and maritime industries
  - covers OSHA standards, recordkeeping, LOTO, machine guarding, confined space entry, fall protection and Outreach train-the-trainer
- OTI Education Centers annually train over 55,000 students in over 4,500 classes



# Fall Prevention Stand-Down (May 2022)

- OSHA's 9th Annual Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction
- Open to any organization in any industry





## Safe + Sound Campaign

- Goal: Every workplace should have a safety and health program that includes management leadership, worker participation, and a systematic approach to finding and fixing hazards.
- Good for workers and businesses' bottom line
- Targets small and medium-sized businesses
- Safe + Sound Week: August 2022





# Safe + Sound Week August 2022

- Nationwide event to raise awareness of value of safety and health programs
- Organizations of any size or in any industry can participate
- OSHA provides suggested activities





## **Safety and Health Programs**

# Every effective safety and health program includes three key components:

- Management leadership
- Worker participation
- A systematic approach to finding and fixing workplace hazards





### **Benefits to the Bottom Line**

## Safety and health programs help businesses:

- Prevent workplace injuries and illnesses
- Improve compliance with laws and regulations
- Reduce costs, including workers' compensation premiums
- Engage workers
- Enhance social responsibility goals
- Increase productivity and enhance overall business operations





#### Suicide Prevention Awareness



- Suicide is a complex public health problem that deeply impacts workers, their families, and our communities.
- Worker suicides are especially high among construction workers, due in large part to work-related stresses such as seasonal work, demanding schedules, and workplace injuries.
- OSHA will support Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in September 2022.



## Protecting Temporary Workers: A joint responsibility

- Both host employers and staffing agencies have roles in complying with workplace health and safety requirements and they share responsibility for ensuring worker safety and health.
- Legally, both the host employer and the staffing agency are employers of the temporary worker.

Shared control over worker = Shared responsibility for worker



## **Temporary Workers**

- 3 million people are employed by staffing companies every week.
- 17 million temporary and contract employees are hired by U.S. staffing firms over the course of a year.



## Why Are Temp Workers At High Risk of Injury?

New workers are at increased risk of injury.

 Host employers don't have the same commitment to temporary employees as to permanent ones.

 Employer who bears the risk of the injury (temp agency) does not control safety and health investment.

## **Temporary Workers:**Outreach & Education

Temporary WorkerRecommended Practices

Series of Temporary Worker Initiative Bulletins

 Alliance with American Staffing Association





### **OSHA Rulemaking**



See the
Regulatory
Agenda for the
status of OSHA's
rulemaking
(www.reginfo.gov)



### **OSHA QuickTakes**



- Free OSHA e-newsletter delivered twice monthly to more than 300,000 subscribers
- Latest news about OSHA initiatives and products to help employers and workers find and prevent workplace hazards
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- Submit email questions through OSHA's website at www.osha.gov
- Contact your local OSHA Area Office

