



# OSHA CORNERSTONES



## OSHA Announces the Top 10 Violations for 2024



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OSHA recently revealed its top 10 most frequently cited standards in the 2024 fiscal year using preliminary data. This information is valuable for businesses of all kinds, as it helps them identify common exposures that affect their workforce and gives them the information they need to plan their safety programs.

For 2024, the top 10 most cited standards were as follows:

1. [Fall protection—General requirements](#): 6,307 violations
2. [Hazard communication](#): 2,888 violations
3. [Ladders](#): 2,573 violations
4. [Respiratory protection](#): 2,470 violations
5. [Lockout/tagout](#): 2,443 violations
6. [Powered industrial trucks](#): 2,248 violations
7. [Fall protection—Training requirements](#): 2,050 violations
8. [Scaffolding](#): 1,873 violations
9. [Personal protective and lifesaving equipment—Eye and face protection](#): 1,814 violations
10. [Machine guarding](#): 1,541 violations

Several standards changed positions from fiscal year 2023. For instance, “respiratory protection” moved up to number four from number seven, and “scaffolding” moved down from number four to number eight. What’s more, “Fall protection—General requirements” remained OSHA’s most frequently cited standard for the 14th consecutive fiscal year.

This data is preliminary and may be subject to change.

### New Inspection Guidance for Animal Slaughtering and Processing Industries

OSHA has issued expanded [inspection guidance](#) for the animal slaughtering and processing industry, covering all meat facilities to reduce injuries and illnesses. The guidance targets hazards like sanitation, ergonomics and machine safety, as meat and poultry workers face significantly higher rates of injury and illness than other industries. It also ensures that all workers, including those with limited English proficiency and minors, receive accessible safety training and that inspections cover all shifts and worker types.

### Avoiding Winter Slips and Falls

The winter months introduce additional hazards that employees typically don’t face during warmer weather, particularly in the form of slip and fall risks due to snow and ice. Winter weather conditions increase the likelihood of serious injuries from these types of risks, making it essential for employers to implement preventive measures and encourage employees to take appropriate precautions.

To prevent slip and fall injuries during the winter months, employers should:

- Ensure workers wear the proper footwear that provides traction on snow and ice.
- Advise employees to exercise caution when entering or exiting vehicles and to use the vehicle for balance and support.
- Encourage walking only in designated areas that are safe for foot traffic.

- Remind employees to take small steps to maintain their center of balance and to walk slowly.
- Salt or sand icy walkways.
- Make sure workers dry their shoes on floor mats when entering a building.
- Instruct employees to remove debris, water and ice from all working walkways.

By following these guidelines, employers can significantly reduce the risk of winter-related injuries in the workplace.

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