



2022'S TOP 10 OSHA VIOLATIONS IN CONSTRUCTION

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is designed for any jobsite, packed with toolbox talk conversations and safety trainings that help your team develop a “Safety First” mindset.

Ensuring compliance with OSHA regulations is critical to maintaining a safe workplace, as employee well-being is crucial to any organization's success.

Even the best companies face obstacles in maintaining a perfect safety record, but it's essential to strive towards excellence in meeting regulatory requirements and industry standards. Unfortunately, some companies repeatedly break safety rules due to insufficient training and supervision. This leads to employees not following safety plans and procedures and making risky decisions that violate OSHA regulations, endangering everyone on site and costing their employers millions in fines.

To tackle these challenges, staying alert and staying on top of the most commonly cited OSHA standards is key. Our whitepaper delves into the Top 10 most frequently cited standards in the construction industry, based on Federal OSHA data from Oct. 1, 2021, to Sept. 30, 2022. Our report grants you an insider's scoop on each violation, including the potential fines and practical steps that companies can take to steer clear of them. With the right precautions in place, companies can not only ensure compliance with OSHA regulations but also foster a work environment that puts a premium on the safety and well-being of every employee. Let's keep your workplace safe and sound, and your wallets full.



OSHA'S

#1 MOST CITED

VIOLATION

OSHA preliminary data from FY 2022 (OCT 2021 - SEPT 2022)

Source: Patrick Kapust, deputy director of OSHA's Directorate of Enforcement Programs

DUTY TO HAVE

(29 CFR 1926.501)

1. FALL PROTECTION

The construction industry is a high-risk environment, and falls from height are the most common causes of fatalities in the industry. Which is why OSHA's - **Duty to Have Fall Protection** was the most frequently cited violation in 2022! Claiming the top spot on the top 10 list for the second year in a row!

This vital regulation requires employers to provide fall protection systems to their employees when working at heights of **6' or more above a lower level**.

Companies can receive the following citations for violating the **Duty to have fall protection** regulation simply by:

- ▶ **Failing to provide essential fall protection** equipment such as safety nets, personal fall arrest systems, guardrails, or other safety devices.
- ▶ **Inadequate employee training** to recognize and avoid fall hazards.
- ▶ Absence of a well-formulated **written fall protection plan**.

To steer clear of OSHA violations and costly fines, companies should take the following proactive measures:

- ▶ **Identify and evaluate** potential **fall hazards** before commencing work at the job site.
- ▶ **Implement practical and effective fall protection systems** that suit the work being performed.
- ▶ **Provide comprehensive training to employees** on fall protection procedures and the proper use of equipment.

Total # Of Inspections
5,954

Total # Of Citations
6,114

Total Penalties Paid
\$40.2 MILLION



OSHA preliminary data from FY 2022 (OCT 2021 - SEPT 2022) Source: OSHA.GOV

(29 CFR 1926.1053)

2. LADDERS IN CONSTRUCTION WORK

Ladders are an indispensable tool on any construction site, providing workers with access to hard-to-reach areas. However, if not used correctly, **they can pose a significant hazard to workers**, resulting in devastating consequences. Unfortunately, ladder violations continue to be one of the most common

OSHA reported that ladder violations ranked as the **2nd** most frequently cited OSHA standard violation in the construction industry in 2022, with a staggering **2,560 citations** being issued, totaling a **jaw-dropping \$8.45 million** in penalties paid to OSHA! Making ladder safety a costly issue for businesses in the construction industry.

Here are just a few examples of **ladder violations** that can companies can be cited for on a job site:

- ▶ Failure to **provide workers with proper training** on ladder safety
- ▶ Using ladders for purposes other than those they are designed for
- ▶ Using **damaged** or **broken** ladders on job sites

As industry leaders in construction, it's vital to prioritize ladder safety on your job site to avoid receiving costly citations and fines. Here are just a few actions you can take to help ensure worker safety and avoid OSHA violations:

- ▶ Provide workers with proper training on ladder safety, including how to **select, inspect, and use** ladders safely.
- ▶ Ensure ladders are being **used for their intended purpose only** and never used as a makeshift scaffold or bridge.
- ▶ **Regularly inspect ladders** for damage and remove any damaged or broken ladders from service immediately.

Total # Of Inspections

2,160

Total # Of Citations

2,560

Total Penalties Paid

\$8.45
MILLION



**STEP UP YOUR
LADDER SAFETY GAME
TO AVOID A COSTLY
PENALTY CLAIM!**

Follow proper ladder safety protocols to prevent OSHA violations and keep workers safe while climbing the ladder of success.

Safety is a top priority in the construction industry, and OSHA's General Requirements regulation exists to ensure that companies meet the **basic safety requirements** to protect their workers from harm.

However, noncompliance with these requirements continues to be a major issue, ranking as the **3RD** most frequently violated regulation on OSHA's Top 10 list of 2022.

Companies can receive citations for violating OSHA's General Requirements regulation, such as:

- ▶ Putting workers at risk of falls by **failing to provide adequate fall protection**.
- ▶ **Neglecting to properly train workers** on safety procedures and PPE use.
- ▶ Failing to ensure that **electrical equipment is properly grounded** or protected against electric shock.
- ▶ Failure to provide **safe access to elevated work areas**, such as ladders or scaffolds.
- ▶ Failure to implement **proper procedures for hazard communication** and chemical handling.

To avoid OSHA violations and the costly penalties that come with them, companies should implement the following safety practices:

- ▶ Ensure that **workers receive comprehensive safety training** and follow proper procedures for PPE use and equipment operation.
- ▶ **Conduct regular safety audits** and inspections to identify and address potential hazards.
- ▶ **Establish a culture of safety within the company** and encourage workers to report any potential hazards or unsafe conditions.
- ▶ **Develop and implement** a comprehensive hazard communication program that includes chemical labeling, SDS management, and employee training.

Total # Of Inspections
1,073

Total # Of Citations
2,164

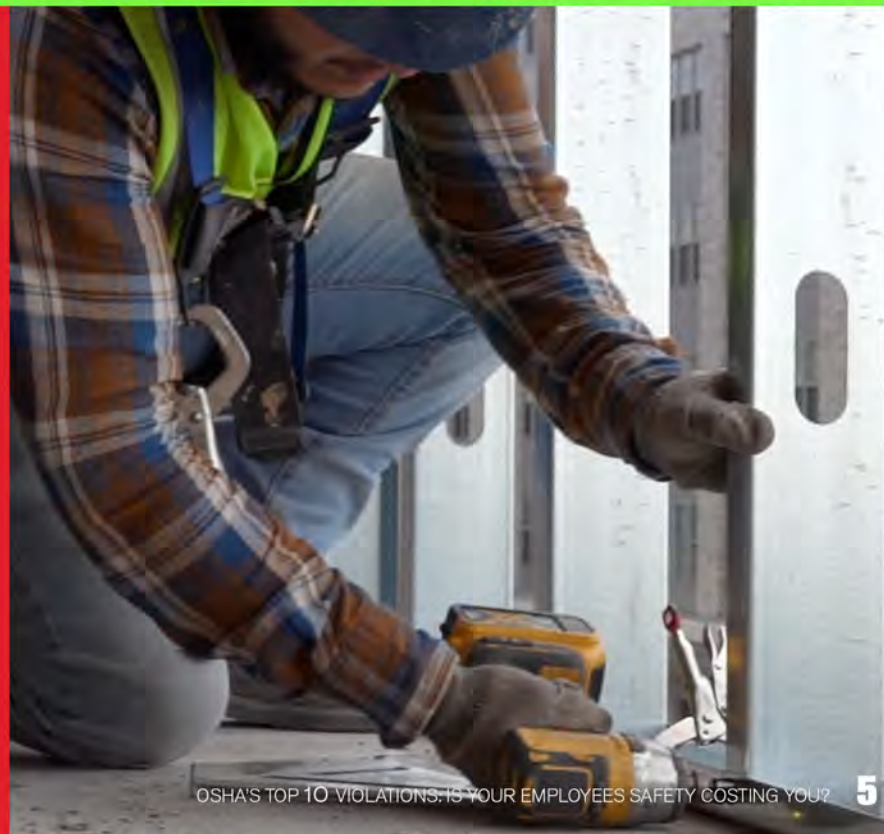
Total Penalties Paid
\$7.03
MILLION

**SAFETY IS NOT
JUST A BUZZWORD,
IT'S A WAY OF LIFE**

Follow OSHA's
General Requirements regulation
to keep your **workers safe**
and your **company thriving**.

OSHA preliminary data from FY 2022 (OCT 2021 - SEPT 2022) Source: OSHA.GOV

3. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS (29 CFR 1926.0451)



Total # Of Inspections
1,737

Total # Of Citations:
1,796

Total Penalties Paid
\$3.75
MILLION

4. TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

(29 CFR 1926.0503)



Safety is crucial in construction, and proper training is essential for workers to stay safe on the job. Unfortunately, some employers fail to prioritize training, leading to violations of the OSHA standard that **requires adequate training for safe job performance**.

This violation is serious and ranked **4TH** on the top 10 OSHA violations list in 2022, it's important **that employers take this violation seriously** because without proper training, workers may not know how to safely operate heavy machinery, work at heights, or handle hazardous materials.

This not only **puts workers at risk** but can also result in **costly fines** and **penalties** for employers. The following examples illustrate how a company can receive citations related to training violations:

- ▶ **Inadequate training** on proper scaffolding procedures, such as assembly, disassembly, and use, which can result in serious injuries or fatalities.
- ▶ **Failure to provide training** on proper use of PPE, such as hard hats, safety glasses, gloves, or respirators, that can prevent injuries or illnesses on the job.
- ▶ **Failure to provide training** for employees working in confined spaces, such as tanks, crawl spaces, or sewers, where there are risks of hazards like suffocation, engulfment, or hazardous atmospheres.

Training is **the backbone of safety and compliance** on construction sites. By following these key action points, your organization can avoid costly fines and ensure your employees' safety:

- ▶ **Conduct regular training sessions** for all employees.
- ▶ **Maintain detailed records** of employee training and make them easily accessible to all employees and OSHA inspectors.
- ▶ Ensure that **all training programs are up-to-date** and fully comply with OSHA regulations.
- ▶ **Encourage employees to report any safety concerns** or hazards they encounter on the job site. Fostering a culture of open reporting among employees can help catch potential safety hazards before they turn into accidents or violations.

**TRAIN TO SUSTAIN:
DON'T LET INADEQUATE TRAINING
DERAIL YOUR CONSTRUCTION SITE'S SUCCESS.**



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Eye and Face Protection isn't just a good idea on construction job sites, it's essential. The OSHA standard for eye and face protection demands that employers provide adequate protection for employees exposed to hazards like flying debris, chemicals, and harmful radiation. But unfortunately, this violation still ranked **5th** on the top 10 list in 2022, indicating that many employers are failing to take this crucial aspect of safety seriously.

Protective gear is **no good if it isn't used properly**. Here are just a few examples of citations companies can receive for failing to provide adequate **eye and face protection**:

- ▶ **Failure to provide employees working** with power tools with proper eye protection, such as safety glasses or goggles, resulting in potential eye injuries.
- ▶ **Neglecting to provide adequate face protection to employees** working with chemicals or harmful radiation, which can lead to serious facial burns or other injuries.
- ▶ **Failure to properly train employees** on the use and care of eye and face protection equipment, leading to improper use or ineffective equipment that does not provide the necessary protection.

BE WISE, PROTECT YOUR EYES - WEAR EYE AND FACE PROTECTION FOR A SAFER WORK ENVIRONMENT!

5. EYE & FACE PROTECTION IN CONSTRUCTION

(29 CFR 1926.0102)

Protecting your employees isn't just the right thing to do, **it's the law**. Here are a few steps you can take to ensure that you're providing proper eye and face protection on your job site:

- ▶ Ensure that all employees who are exposed to hazards that could result in eye or face injuries **are provided with proper protective equipment**.
- ▶ Make sure that all protective equipment is properly **maintained, stored, and replaced** when damaged or worn out.
- ▶ **Conduct regular training sessions** for all employees on the proper use and care of eye and face protection equipment.
- ▶ **Encourage open communication** with employees about the importance of eye and face protection and the consequences of not following safety regulations.



Let's talk about the absolute must-have in our industry - **head protection**. It's hard to believe that this violation ranked 6th on the TOP 10 list in 2022. It's time to step up and do better as an industry and prioritize the safety of our workers, and that starts with head protection.

Unfortunately, there are still employers who are falling short in providing suitable head protection, putting their workers' lives at risk and exposing themselves to costly penalties.

Here are just a few examples of how companies are cited for violating the OSHA Head Protection standard:

- ▶ **Failing to provide** employees with suitable head protection for the job site's hazards
- ▶ **Neglecting to conduct a hazard assessment** to determine the necessary level of head protection
- ▶ Not replacing **damaged** or **defective** head protection

Providing suitable head protection and regularly inspecting it can go a long way in keeping workers safe and avoiding costly violations.

A HARDHAT A DAY, KEEPS OSHA AT BAY!

Don't let your company be another statistic on the list of OSHA violators! Start taking proactive measures so that everyone on your team has the **right protection to stay safe and productive.**

Here are some proactive measures to put into practice that can help keep your employees safe and avoid costly penalties:

- ▶ **Conduct a thorough hazard assessment** of the job site to determine the necessary level of head protection required.
- ▶ Provide employees with **appropriate head protection** that meets OSHA standards.
- ▶ Regularly **inspect** and **replace** any **damaged** or **defective** head protection.



OSHA preliminary data from FY 2022 (OCT 2021 - SEPT 2022) Source: OSHA.GOV

6. HEAD PROTECTION (29 CFR 1926.0100)



OSHA'S TOP 10 VIOLATIONS: IS YOUR EMPLOYEES SAFETY COSTING YOU?

Worker safety should always be a top priority on construction job sites. Even minor violations can have major consequences, which is why it's essential to pay attention to the **General Safety and Health Provisions** violation.

This violation is broad and covers a range of hazards and issues that can put workers at risk. Examples of citations that a company can receive for violating the General Safety and Health Provisions standard include (but not limited to):

- ▶ **Failing to keep accurate records** of workplace injuries and illnesses
- ▶ Neglecting to provide employees with **comprehensive safety training** on job site hazards and safety procedures
- ▶ Failing to **establish a written hazard communication program** that identifies hazardous chemicals and other dangerous materials.

That's why it's crucial to prioritize safety on the job site and take all potential hazards seriously. By following OSHA regulations, providing regular safety training, and addressing any safety concerns promptly, you can protect your workers and ensure that they return home safely at the end of each day.

7. GENERAL SAFETY & HEALTH PROVISIONS (29 CFR 1910.178)

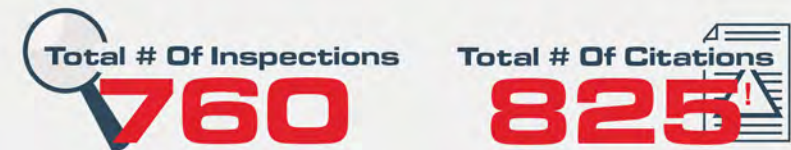
The consequences of the **General Safety** and **Health Provisions** violation go beyond just financial penalties. They can have a devastating impact on workers and their families. By prioritizing safety, you not only protect your workers but also your company's reputation and bottom line.

Here are a few things your team can put into practice to help foster a **"Safety 1st"** mentality across your entire team and avoid paying any costing penalties

- ▶ Conduct **regular safety audits** to identify potential hazards and ensure compliance with OSHA regulations.
- ▶ Provide employees with **training on OSHA regulations** and job-specific safety practices.
- ▶ **Maintain accurate records** of workplace injuries, illnesses, and fatalities, and submit the required reports to OSHA on time.
- ▶ Implement a **strong safety culture**, including regular safety meetings, safety incentives, and open communication about safety concerns.



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Aerial lifts can provide an efficient way to work at heights, but they can also pose serious safety risks on construction job sites. The Aerial lifts violation requires employers to follow specific safety procedures and to be taken seriously as aerial lifts can be dangerous if not used properly and can result in serious injuries or fatalities.

The **Aerial Lifts** standard encompasses various safety regulations that companies must adhere to, failure to do so may result in citations. The most prevalent instances of citations that a company may be subject to for violating this standard include:

- ▶ Not providing proper fall protection equipment, such as harnesses and lanyards, for employees working on aerial lifts
- ▶ Neglecting to conduct regular inspections and maintenance of aerial lifts to ensure they are in safe working condition
- ▶ Failing to provide adequate training and certification for employees who operate aerial lifts

**NO WORK IS WORTH THE RISK,
MAKE SURE YOU'RE SAFE
WHILE WORKING AT HEIGHTS.**

To prevent incurring violations and costly fines, companies can proactively take the following measures:

- ▶ Make sure all employees who work on or around aerial lifts are trained and certified in their operation and use
- ▶ Regularly inspect and maintain aerial lifts to ensure they are in safe working condition
- ▶ Provide employees with appropriate fall protection equipment and ensure they wear it at all times while on aerial lifts

Total # Of Inspections
592

Total # Of Citations
644

Total Penalties Paid
\$2.20
MILLION

8. AERIAL LIFTS

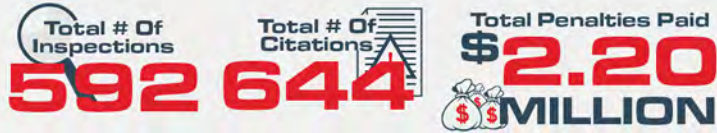
(29 CFR 1926.0453)



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Excavation is a crucial part of construction projects, but safety should always be a top priority. **Specific Excavation Requirements** violations remain a constant issue, ranking **9TH** on OSHA's **top 10** list.



**EXCAVATE WITH CARE,
CAVE-INS BEWARE
FOLLOW OSHA RULES
TO SHOW YOU CARE!**

9. SPECIFIC EXCAVATION REQUIREMENTS (29 CFR 1926.0651)

Avoid paying costly penalties, **ensure proper sloping, benching, and shoring** of excavations, **provide adequate protection systems**, and **conduct daily inspections** to identify and address hazards.

Prioritizing safety not only protects your employees but also maintains your reputation in the industry. So follow guidelines, stay safe, and **avoid becoming part of the statistic.**

Ensuring safety and clear communication is paramount when it comes to hazardous chemicals and substances on construction sites. OSHA's **Hazard Communication** standards set out guidelines that employers must follow to protect their workers from harm.



Some of the most common violations of Hazard Communication standards include **neglecting to keep** safety data sheets up-to-date, **failing to provide** adequate employee training, and **improperly labeling** hazardous chemicals and substances. Such violations can **jeopardize the safety** and well-being of workers on the job site, and can result in **costly penalties** for employers who fail to comply with OSHA's standards.

Avoid paying costly penalties, **keep up-to-date** safety data sheets, **provide proper** training to employees, and ensure that all hazardous chemicals and substances are **properly labeled.**

CLEAR COMMUNICATION AND PROPER TRAINING ARE KEY TO PROTECTING WORKERS FROM HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS AND SUBSTANCES ON THE JOB SITE.

10. HAZARD COMMUNICATION (29 CFR 1910.1200)

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TOP 10 OSHA VIOLATIONS

IN CONSTRUCTION BY THE NUMBERS



TOTAL

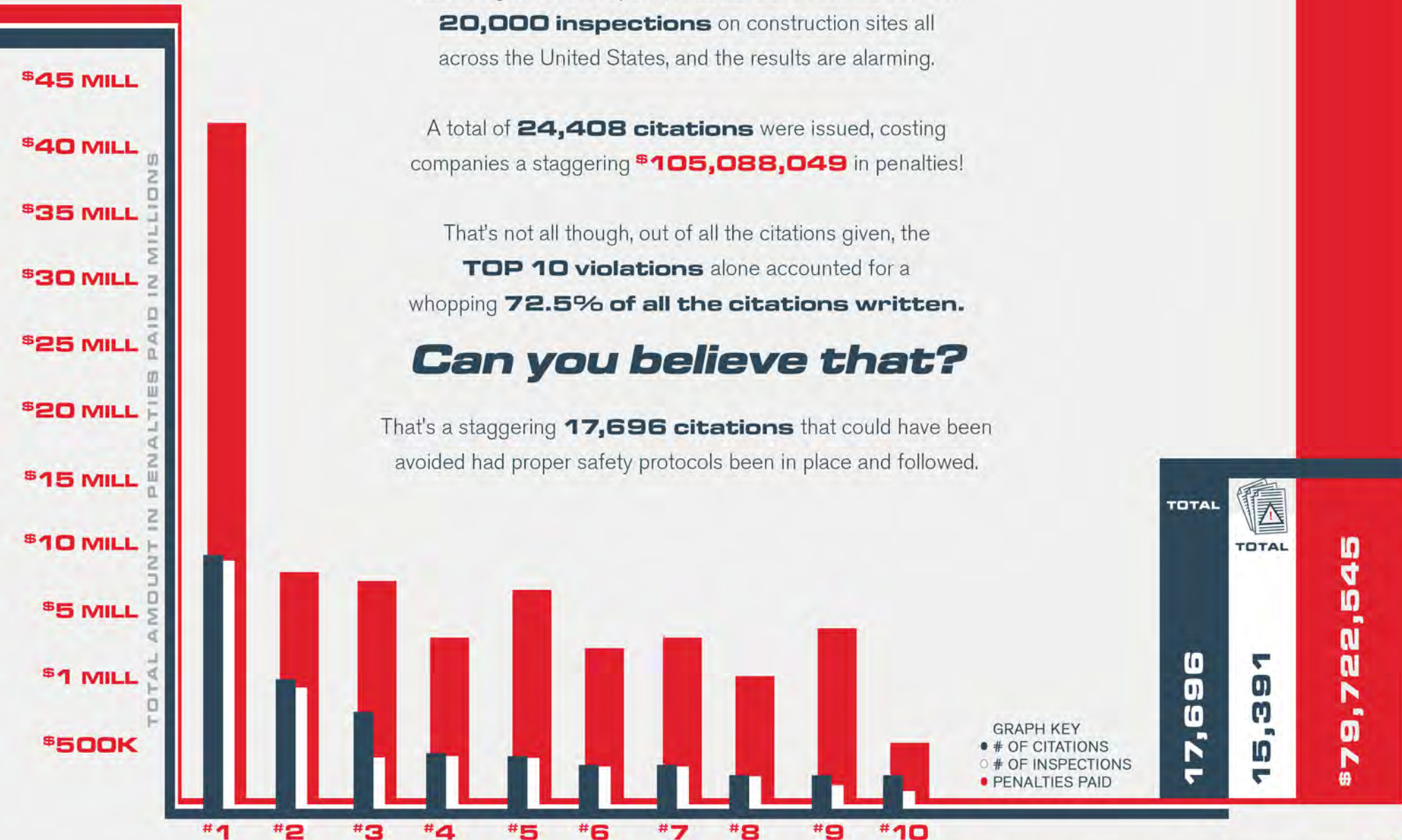
According to recent reports, in 2022, OSHA carried out over **20,000 inspections** on construction sites all across the United States, and the results are alarming.

A total of **24,408 citations** were issued, costing companies a staggering **\$105,088,049** in penalties!

That's not all though, out of all the citations given, the **TOP 10 violations** alone accounted for a whopping **72.5% of all the citations written.**

Can you believe that?

That's a staggering **17,696 citations** that could have been avoided had proper safety protocols been in place and followed.



OSHA violations may seem like statistics on a page, but in reality, **they represent real people who have suffered the consequences of preventable accidents.** Each number tells a story of pain, loss, and heartache that should serve as a wake-up call for all of us.

It's easy to get caught up in the day-to-day tasks of construction work, but we must **always remember that safety** is not just a box to check off, but a genuine concern for the well-being of our colleagues, family, and friends.



OSHA preliminary data from FY 2022 (OCT 2021 - SEPT 2022)

STANDARD & DESCRIPTION	CITATIONS	INSPECTIONS	PENALTY
1 Duty to have Fall Protection <small>1926.0501</small>	6,114	5,954	\$40,239,335
2 Ladders <small>1926.1053</small>	2,560	2,160	\$8,448,886
3 General Requirements <small>1926.0451</small>	2,164	1,073	\$7,034,931
4 Training requirements <small>1926.0503</small>	1,796	1,737	\$3,750,624
5 Eye and face protection <small>1926.0102</small>	1,631	1,626	\$6,758,011
6 Head protection <small>1926.0100</small>	837	836	\$3,107,848
7 Gen. Safety & Health <small>1926.0020</small>	825	760	\$3,753,637
8 Aerial lifts <small>1926.0453</small>	644	592	\$2,162,519
9 Specific Excavation Req. <small>1926.0651</small>	606	392	\$3,840,103
10 Hazard Comm. <small>1910.1200</small>	519	261	\$626,651

Every individual on a construction site is valuable, and we owe it to ourselves and each other to **prioritize safety and take proactive measures to prevent accidents** from occurring.

Let us honor the lives lost to workplace accidents by committing ourselves to **promoting and practicing safety every day.** This includes not just following OSHA regulations, but also being vigilant about potential hazards and taking action to mitigate them.

By doing so, we can create a safer work environment and protect ourselves and those around us. Because, behind every OSHA violation is a human story, and it's up to us to ensure that those stories have **a positive ending.**

**SAFE TODAY,
ALIVE TOMORROW**

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In today's fast-paced construction industry, the importance of safety and compliance cannot be overstated. The protection of employees, stakeholders, and the public must be a top priority for all construction companies. The consequences of failing to comply with OSHA's safety standards and regulations can be costly and far-reaching, negatively impacting a company's reputation, morale, and profitability. It is imperative that employers take proactive measures to prevent accidents and injuries and avoid being on OSHA's top 10 violations list.

However, prioritizing safety is not just about avoiding penalties and violations. It's about creating a company culture that values safety as a core aspect of its operations. By making safety a priority, companies can create a safer and more productive work environment, reduce the risk of accidents and injuries, and improve overall job satisfaction and employee retention. Investing in safety measures is not a cost center but rather a wise long-term investment.

To achieve safety and compliance, employers should implement a comprehensive safety program that includes risk assessments, safety training, safety audits, and continuous improvement. It is essential to involve employees in safety committees, safety training, and safety-related decision-making to empower and engage them. With a collective effort, employers and employees can work together to create a safer work environment.

Safety is a critical aspect of the construction industry, and all stakeholders must take it seriously. Employers must prioritize safety and compliance with OSHA's safety standards and regulations to create a safer and more productive work environment. Safety should be ingrained in every aspect of our work and become a part of our everyday routine. Let us commit to making safety and compliance a culture, not just a checkbox on a list, and strive to avoid becoming a statistic on next year's OSHA violations list. Thank you for your attention and dedication to safety.



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DUTY TO HAVE 1. FALL PROTECTION

OSHA 2022

The construction industry is a high-risk environment, and fall from heights is the most common cause of fatalities in the industry. When it comes to fall protection, OSHA's **Duty to Have Fall Protection** (29 CFR 1926.1053) is a critical safety standard that employers must follow. It requires employers to have fall protection in place for any employee who is working at a height of 6 feet or more in a residential building and 10 feet or more in a non-residential building.

Employers must ensure the following conditions for meeting the **Duty to Have Fall Protection** standard:

- Failing to have fall protection available for workers
- Inadequate employee training
- Employers not providing fall protection for workers at heights
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OSHA'S #1 MOST CITED VIOLATION

Total # of Citations: 3,954
 Total Penalties Paid: \$6.114 MILLION

2. LADDERS IN CONSTRUCTION WORK

OSHA 2022

Ladders are an indispensable tool on any construction job, providing workers with access to hard-to-reach areas. However, if not used correctly, they can pose a significant hazard to workers. OSHA's **Ladders** standard (29 CFR 1926.1053) outlines the requirements for ladder safety in construction work.

OSHA reported that ladder accidents ranked as the **2nd** most frequently cited OSHA violation in the construction industry in 2022, with a staggering **\$6.85 million** in penalties paid. This is a significant increase from the **\$5.43 million** in penalties paid in 2021.

Here are a few examples of ladder violations that your company can avoid:

- Failing to provide workers with proper training on ladder safety
- Using ladders for purposes other than those they are designed for
- Using damaged or broken ladders on job sites
- Providing workers with proper training on ladder safety, including how to set up, inspect, and use ladders safely
- Ensuring ladders are being used for their intended purpose and are not used as a makeshift scaffold or bridge
- Regularly inspecting ladders for damage and removing any damaged or broken ladders from service immediately

STEP UP YOUR LADDER SAFETY GAME TO AVOID A COSTLY PENALTY CLAIM!

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Total # of Citations: 2,160
 Total Penalties Paid: \$6.85 MILLION

3. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

OSHA 2022

Safety is a top priority in the construction industry, and OSHA's General Requirements regulations are designed to protect workers from basic safety violations. These regulations cover a wide range of safety issues, from fall protection to ladder safety.

OSHA reported that **General Requirements** violations were the **3rd** most frequently cited violations in construction work in 2022, with a total of **1,796** citations and **\$1.796 million** in penalties paid.

Some common violations include:

- Placing workers at risk of fall by failing to provide adequate fall protection
- Placing to properly train workers on safety procedures and PPE use
- Failing to ensure that electrical equipment is properly grounded or protected against electric shock
- Failing to provide safety controls to elevated work areas, such as ladders or scaffolds
- Failing to implement proper procedures for hazard recognition and chemical handling

To avoid OSHA violations and the costly penalties that come with them, employers should implement the following safety practices:

- Ensure that workers receive comprehensive safety training and follow proper procedures for PPE use and equipment use
- Conduct regular safety audits and inspections to identify and address safety issues
- Establish a culture of safety within the company and encourage workers to report any potential hazards or unsafe conditions
- Develop and implement a comprehensive hazard communication program that includes chemical labeling, SDS management, and employee training

Total # of Citations: 1,796
 Total Penalties Paid: \$1.796 MILLION

4. TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

OSHA 2022

Safety is critical in construction, and proper training is essential for workers to stay safe on the job. Unfortunately, some employers fail to provide training to workers, which is a violation of OSHA's **Training Requirements** standard (29 CFR 1926.1053).

OSHA reported that **Training Requirements** violations were the **4th** most frequently cited violations in construction work in 2022, with a total of **1,737** citations and **\$3.75 million** in penalties paid.

Some common violations include:

- Inadequate training on proper scaffolding procedures, such as assembly, dismantling, and use
- Failing to provide training on proper use of PPE, such as hard hats, safety glasses, or respirators
- Failing to provide training to employees working in confined spaces, such as tanks, crawl spaces, or sewers
- Failing to provide training on hazard recognition and chemical handling

Employers must ensure that all workers receive the necessary training to perform their jobs safely and effectively. This includes training on safety procedures, equipment use, and hazard recognition.

TRAIN TO SUSTAIN. DON'T LET INADEQUATE TRAINING DERAIL YOUR CONSTRUCTION SITE'S SUCCESS.

Total # of Citations: 1,737
 Total Penalties Paid: \$3.75 MILLION

5. EYE & FACE PROTECTION IN CONSTRUCTION

OSHA 2022

Eye and face protection is a critical safety requirement in construction. OSHA's **Eye and Face Protection** standard (29 CFR 1926.103) requires employers to provide eye and face protection for workers in high-risk environments.

OSHA reported that **Eye and Face Protection** violations were the **5th** most frequently cited violations in construction work in 2022, with a total of **1,626** citations and **\$1.634 million** in penalties paid.

Some common violations include:

- Failing to provide eye protection to workers in high-risk environments
- Providing inadequate eye protection to workers
- Failing to provide face protection to workers in high-risk environments
- Providing inadequate face protection to workers

Employers must ensure that all workers in high-risk environments are provided with appropriate eye and face protection. This includes safety glasses, goggles, and face shields.

BE WISE, PROTECT YOUR EYES - WEAR EYE AND FACE PROTECTION FOR A SAFER WORK ENVIRONMENT!

Total # of Citations: 1,626
 Total Penalties Paid: \$1.634 MILLION

6. HEAD PROTECTION

OSHA 2022

Let's talk about the absolute most important safety standard in construction: **Head Protection**. It's hard to believe that this violation ranked 6th on the TOP 10 list in 2022. It's time to step up and do better as we require and provide the safety gear our workers need, and that starts with head protection.

OSHA reported that **Head Protection** violations were the **6th** most frequently cited violations in construction work in 2022, with a total of **837** citations and **\$3.11 million** in penalties paid.

Some common violations include:

- Failing to provide workers with adequate head protection for the job
- Providing damaged or defective head protection
- Not requiring damaged or defective head protection
- Providing inadequate head protection and regularly inspecting it for damage
- Not requiring workers to wear head protection in high-risk environments

Employers must ensure that all workers in high-risk environments are provided with appropriate head protection. This includes hard hats and safety helmets.

A HARDHAT A DAY, KEEPS OSHA AT BAY!

Total # of Citations: 837
 Total Penalties Paid: \$3.11 MILLION

7. GENERAL SAFETY & HEALTH PROVISIONS

OSHA 2022

Worker safety should always be a top priority on construction job sites. Even minor violations can have major consequences, which is why it's essential to pay attention to the **General Safety and Health Provisions** standard (29 CFR 1926.100).

OSHA reported that **General Safety and Health Provisions** violations were the **7th** most frequently cited violations in construction work in 2022, with a total of **1,760** citations and **\$25 million** in penalties paid.

Some common violations include:

- Failing to keep accurate records of workplace injuries and illnesses
- Inspecting to provide workers with comprehensive safety training on site hazards and safety procedures
- Failing to establish a written hazard communication program that identifies hazardous chemicals and other dangerous materials
- Failing to ensure that workers are provided with appropriate safety equipment and PPE
- Failing to provide adequate training and instruction to workers on safety procedures and equipment use

Employers must ensure that all workers on construction job sites are provided with appropriate safety equipment and training. This includes safety glasses, hard hats, and fall protection.

NO RISK IS WORTH THE RISK, PLEASE BELIEVE YOU'RE SAFE WHILE WORKING AT HEIGHTS.

Total # of Citations: 1,760
 Total Penalties Paid: \$25 MILLION

8. AERIAL LIFTS

OSHA 2022

Aerial lifts can provide an efficient way to work at heights, but they also pose serious safety risks to construction jobsites. OSHA's **Aerial Lifts** standard (29 CFR 1926.1053) outlines the requirements for aerial lift safety.

OSHA reported that **Aerial Lifts** violations were the **8th** most frequently cited violations in construction work in 2022, with a total of **644** citations and **\$2.20 million** in penalties paid.

Some common violations include:

- Failing to provide training to workers on aerial lift safety
- Failing to provide adequate safety equipment to workers
- Failing to provide adequate training and instruction to workers on aerial lift safety
- Failing to provide adequate safety equipment to workers

Employers must ensure that all workers using aerial lifts are provided with appropriate training and safety equipment. This includes safety harnesses and fall protection.

Total # of Citations: 644
 Total Penalties Paid: \$2.20 MILLION

9. SPECIFIC EXCAVATION REQUIREMENTS

OSHA 2022

Excavation is a critical part of construction projects, but safety should always be a top priority. OSHA's **Specific Excavation Requirements** standard (29 CFR 1926.1053) outlines the requirements for excavation safety.

OSHA reported that **Specific Excavation Requirements** violations were the **9th** most frequently cited violations in construction work in 2022, with a total of **592** citations and **\$2.20 million** in penalties paid.

Some common violations include:

- Failing to provide adequate shoring and bracing for excavations
- Failing to provide adequate safety equipment to workers
- Failing to provide adequate training and instruction to workers on excavation safety
- Failing to provide adequate safety equipment to workers

Employers must ensure that all workers in excavation sites are provided with appropriate safety equipment and training. This includes shoring and bracing.

EXCAVATE WITH CARE, CAVE-INS BEWARE! FOLLOW OSHA RULES TO SHOW YOU CARE!

Total # of Citations: 592
 Total Penalties Paid: \$2.20 MILLION

TOP 10 OSHA VIOLATIONS IN CONSTRUCTION BY THE NUMBERS

According to recent reports in 2022, OSHA issued over 200,000 citations on construction sites across the United States, and the results are alarming.

That's not all though, out of all the citations given, the **TOP 10** violations alone accounted for a whopping **78.5%** of all the citations written.

Can you believe that?

That's a staggering **17,696** citations that could have been avoided had proper safety protocols been in place and followed.

Total Citations: 176,986
 Total Penalties Paid: \$15,581 MILLION

OSHA violations may seem less than ideal on a job site, but in reality, they represent real people who have suffered the consequences of preventable accidents.

It's easy to get caught up in the day-to-day tasks of construction work, but we must always remember that safety is not just a checklist, it's a genuine concern for the well-being of our colleagues, family, and friends.

STANDARD & DESCRIPTION	CITATIONS	VIOLATIONS	PENALTY
1. Duty to Have Fall Protection	674	5054	\$4,520,825
2. Ladders	2,160	2,160	\$6,850,000
3. General Requirements	1,796	1,796	\$1,796,000
4. Training Requirements	1,737	1,737	\$3,750,000
5. Eye and face protection	1,626	1,626	\$1,634,000
6. Head protection	837	837	\$3,110,000
7. Gen. Safety & Health	1,760	1,760	\$25,000,000
8. Aerial lifts	644	644	\$2,200,000
9. Specific Excavation Req.	592	592	\$2,200,000
10. Hazard Comm.	519	519	\$625,000

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To achieve safety and compliance, employers should implement a comprehensive safety program that includes safety assessments, safety training, safety audits, and continuous improvement. It's essential to involve employees in safety committees, safety training, and safety-related decision-making to ensure that safety is a shared responsibility.

Safety is a critical aspect of the construction industry and all stakeholders must take a collective approach to ensure safety and compliance with OSHA's safety standards and regulations to create a safer and more productive work environment.

OSHA's top 10 violations are a stark reminder of the safety risks that exist on construction job sites. By addressing these violations, employers can create a safer work environment and protect their employees from preventable accidents and injuries.

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