

2019

OSHA'S Most Frequently Cited Standards Construction (NAICS 23)

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) keeps records not only of the most frequently cited standards overall, but also within particular industries. The most recent statistics from OSHA reveal the top standards cited in the fiscal year 2019 for the construction industry. This top 10 list comprises establishments engaged in the construction of buildings or engineering projects (e.g., highways and utility systems). Establishments primarily engaged in the preparation of sites for new construction and establishments primarily engaged in subdividing land for sale as building sites are also included in this sector.

Description of Violation	Cited Standard Number	ACV*
1. Duty to Have Fall Protection – Complying with the OSHA requirements for fall protection systems that conform with all requirements for quality, quantity and safety.	29 CFR 1926.501	\$5,277
2. General Scaffold Requirements – Using and maintaining scaffolds or related equipment properly according to manufacturer's standards.	29 CFR 1926.451	\$2,984
3. Ladders – Proper use and maintenance of all ladders on site according to the OSHA standards of support, construction, protection, proper use and employee awareness.	29 CFR 1926.1053	\$2,450
4. Training Requirements – Providing mandatory training for all employees who may be exposed to fall hazards that allows workers to recognize and react to exposures.	29 CFR 1926.503	\$1,528
5. Eye and Face Protection – Ensuring employees use appropriate eye/face protection when exposed to hazards from flying particles and harmful vapors or rays.	29 CFR 1926.102	\$2,457
6. General Safety and Health Provisions – Ensuring that no employee or anyone who is a part of contract work has to perform any duties under unsanitary or hazardous conditions.	29 CFR 1926.0020	\$2,976
7. Head Protection – Providing employees with head protection that meets ANSI specifications when they work in areas where there is a possible threat of head injury.	29 CFR 1926.100	\$2,160
8. Specific Excavation Requirements – Removing or supporting all surface encumbrances to avoid causing employee hazards.	29 CFR 1926.651	\$4,012
9. Aerial Lifts – Following OSHA's general requirements for aerial lifts, which include proper design, construction, operation, precautions and use.	29 CFR 1926.453	\$2,920
10. Fall Protection Systems Criteria and Practices – Requirements for fall protection systems.	29 CFR 1926.502	\$2,634

*ACV (Average Cost per Violation) - The dollar amount represents the average cost per violation that employers in this industry paid in 2019. To understand the full capacity and scope of each standard, click on the standard number to visit www.osha.gov and view the language in its entirety. Source: OSHA.gov

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