

OSHA.GOV

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With the emergence of the internet, tracking down important information has been made so much easier and faster. This is especially true with OSHA. No longer do you have to search for standards or try to read a standard from one of those small fat compliance booklets. What a hassle this used to be. Finding the correct standard, then trying to read the small print. Half the time the standard number you were looking for was stuck down in the crease of the book.

To find out other information about OSHA or getting updated information many times required a subscription to other safety resources.

Today the OSHA website (OSHA.Gov) has consolidated all the latest updated information coming out of OSHA. Do you want to find information on required standards go to the task bar at the top of the site and find Laws & Regulations? Click on and this will open up a small window. Click on OSHA Law & Regulations and this opens up the standards. You can then review all the Standards for General Industry, Construction, Maritime and Agriculture. You can then scroll down to the appropriate subpart and then to the standard you are interested in.

Also along with the task bar are sections for workers and for employers. You may want to review this section to see what it is about.

For Employers: This section contains Employer Responsibilities, help for employer's Recordkeeping Requirements and other valuable information to help employers.

Data and Statistics: This section contains the BLS Work Related Injury/Illness Statistics, DOL Enforcement website, Frequently Cited OSHA Standards, High Penalty Cases by State Worker Fatalities Reports.

Enforcement: This sections contains Enforcement Hazard Alerts, Inspections, National and Special Emphasis Programs and Severe Violator Program.

Training & Education: Harwood Grants, Hazard Identification Training Tool, OSHA Training Institute Outreach Training Program, Training Resources and Videos available from OSHA.

News and Publications: This contains information about OSHA, It's the Law Poster, News Room, OSHA Newsletter and other OSHA Publications.

All the above provide valuable resource information just a click away. Also, OSHA lists Hot Topics, Quick Takes, you can subscribe to this and OSHA will e-mail the latest edition to you. There is a Blog that contains articles written on a variety of pertinent topics concerning workplace safety in America.

The site lists the number, name and what happened to each employee who died in a work related accident this year. This is a very solemn reminder of the need to have effective safety programs.

In addition to the above there is a great deal of information about OSHA, OSHA proposed standards, articles, letters of interpretation and other facts. If you have a question about OSHA, this is an excellent resource.

As always, you can call me at 1-330-854-4577 anytime with any safety related question or concern. In addition, if you need some assistance with your safety program or employee safety training please give me a call.