



Most-cited OSHA violations, fiscal year 2019

Fall Protection (1926.501)

7,014 VIOLATIONS

Hazard Communication (1910.1200)

4,170 VIOLATIONS

Scaffolding (1926.451)

3,228 VIOLATIONS

Lockout/Tagout (1910-147)

2,975 VIOLATIONS

Respiratory Protecttion (1910.134)

2,826 VIOLATIONS

Ladders (1926.1053)

2,766 VIOLATIONS

Powered Industrial Trucks (1910.178)

2,347 VIOLATIONS

Fall Protection-Training Requirements (1926.503)

2,059 VIOLATIONS

Machine Guarding (1910.212)

1,987 VIOLATIONS

Personal Protective and Life Saving **Equipment-Eye and Face Protection** (1926.102)

1,630 VIOLATIONS



Source: OSHA

Data current as of Nov. 24, 2019.



OSHA's Top 10 Most Cited Violations for 2019

Top 10 "serious" violations

	Standard		Total Violations
1	Fall Protection	1926.501	5,677
2	Scaffolding	1926.451	2,939
3	Hazard Communication	1910.1200	2,754
4	Ladders	1926.1053	2,463
5	Lockout/Tagout	1910.147	2,415
6	Respiratory Protection	1910.134	1,902
7	Machine Guarding	1910.212	1,737
8	Powered Industrial Trucks	1910.178	1,593
9	Fall Protection - Training Requirements	1926.503	1,584
10	Personal Protective and Life Saving Equipment Eye and Face Protection.	1926.102	1,449

OSHA defines a "serious" violation as "one in which there is a substantial probability that death or serious physical harm could result, and the employer knew or should have known of the hazard."

Top 10 "willful" violations

Standard		Total Violations
1 Fall Protection	1926.501	164
2 Requirements for Protective Systems	1926.652	31
3 Permit-Required Confined Spaces	1910.146	28
4 Scaffolding	1926.451	17
5 Lockout/Tagout	1910.147	14
6 Machine Guarding	1910.212	13
7 Specific Excavation Requirements	1926.651	12
8 Asbestos	1926.1101	11
9 Respiratory Protection	1910.134	9
10 Fall Protection - Training Requirements	1926.503	8

OSHA defines a "willful" violation as one "committed with an intentional disregard of or plain indifference to the requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Act and requirements."