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Most-cited OSHA violations, fiscal year 2018

Fall Protection (1926.501)

5,899 VIOLATIONS

Scaffolding (1926.451)

3,059 VIOLATIONS

Hazard Communication (1910.1200)

2,949 VIOLATIONS

Ladders (1926.1053)

2,480 VIOLATIONS

Lockout/Tagout (1910-147)

2,384 VIOLATIONS

Respiratory Protecttion (1910.134)

2,044 VIOLATIONS

Machine Guarding (1910.212)

1,710 VIOLATIONS

Powered Industrial Trucks (1910.178)

1,548 VIOLATIONS

Fall Protection-Training Requirements (1926.503)

1,539 VIOLATIONS

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

1,353 VIOLATIONS

Source: OSHA Data current as of Nov. 13, 2018.



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OSHA's Top 10 Most Cited Violations for 2018

Top 10 "serious" violations

	Standard		Total Violations
1	Fall Protection	1926.501	5,899
2	Scaffolding	1926.451	3,059
3	Hazard Communication	1910.1200	2,949
4	Ladders	1926.1053	2,480
5	Lockout/Tagout	1910.147	2,384
6	Respiratory Protection	1910.134	2,044
7	Machine Guarding	1910.212	1,710
8	Powered Industrial Trucks	1910.178	1,548
9	Fall Protection - Training Requirements	1926.503	1,539
10	Personal Protective and Life Saving Equipment Eye and Face Protection.	1926.102	1,353

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	134
2 Lockout/Tagout	1910.147	30
3 Grain Handling Facilities	1910.272	22
4 Requirements for Protective Systems	1926.652	19
5 Respiratory Protection	1910.134	15
6 Machine Guarding	1910.212	14
7 Fall Protection - Training Requirements	1926.503	12
8 Mechanical Power-Transmission Apparatus	1910.219	11
9 Hazard Communication	1910.12	10
9 Permit-Required Confined Spaces	1910.146	10
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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."