



## **OSHA's Top 10 Most Cited Violations - 2010**

OSHA recently revealed the top 10 most cited violations in fiscal year 2010. This year's list looks similar to 2009's list, with only small changes within the list. The following standards are OSHA's top 10 most cited violations from October 1, 2009 through September, 30, 2010.

### **10.) Machine Guarding - General Requirements**

This standard covers the guarding of machinery in order to protect both the operators and other employees from hazards. These hazards include those created by point of operation, ingoing nip points, rotating parts and flying chips and sparks.

**Standard: 1910.212**

**Total Violations: 2,712**

### **9.) Electrical - General Requirements**

This standard covers general safety requirements for designing electrical systems.

**Standard: 1910.303**

**Total Violations: 2,977**

### **8.) Powered Industrial Trucks**

This standard covers the maintenance, operation and design of powered industrial trucks, including forklifts and motorized hand trucks. This standard also includes requirements for operator training.

**Standard: 1910.178**

**Total Violations: 3,453**

### **7.) Electrical - Wiring Methods**

This standard covers the grounding of electrical equipment, wiring and insulation. It also includes temporary wiring and splicing, such as flexible cords and cables.

**Standard: 1910.305**

**Total Violations: 3,628**

### **6.) Lockout/Tagout**

This standard covers the minimum performance requirements for the control of hazardous energy during the servicing and maintenance of machines and equipment.

**Standard: 1910.147**

**Total Violations: 3,756**

### **5.) Ladders**

This standard covers the general requirements for all ladders.

**Standard: 1926.1053**

**Total Violations: 4,132**

### **4.) Respiratory Protection**

This standard directs employers in establishing/maintaining a respiratory protection program. Listed are requirements for program administration, worksite-specific procedures, respirator selection, employee training, fit testing, medical evaluation, respirator use and respirator cleaning, maintenance and repair.

**Standard: 1910.134**

**Total Violations: 4,224**

### **3.) Hazard Communication**

This standard deals with chemical hazards produced in the workplace and imported into the workplace. This standard also oversees the communication of those hazards to workers.

**Standard: 1910.1200**

**Total Violations: 7,179**

### **2.) Fall Protection – General Requirements**

This standard covers where fall protection is required, which systems are appropriate for given situations, the proper construction and installation of safety systems, and the proper supervision of employees to prevent falls. It is designed to protect employees on a walking/working surface with an unprotected side or edge taller than 6 feet.

**Standard: 1926.501**

**Total Violations: 8,224**

### **1.) Scaffolding – General Requirements**

This standard covers general safety requirements for scaffolding. Scaffolds should be designed and assembled by an experienced person, and should be constructed and loaded in accordance with that design. Employers are bound to protect construction workers from falls and falling objects while working on or near scaffolding at heights greater than 10 feet.

**Standard: 1926.451**

**Total Violations: 9,056**

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