

Top 10 OSHA Citations of 2016

The top 10 OSHA citations for 2016 bears a striking resemblance to 2015. In fact, the categories are exactly the same, albeit in a slightly different order (numbers 8 and 9 were reversed last year). The top 10 categories are as follows:

1. Fall Protection – General Requirements (1926.501)
2. Hazard Communication (1910.1200)
3. Scaffolding (1926.451)
4. Respiratory Protection (1910.134)
5. Lockout/Tagout (LOTO) (1910.147)
6. Powered Industrial Trucks (1910.178)
7. Ladders (1926.1053)
8. Machine Guarding (1910.212)
9. Electrical - Wiring Methods (1910.305)
10. Electrical – General Requirements (1910.303)



The box below highlights some of the largest penalties handed out by OSHA during the fiscal 2016 year. OSHA defines a **serious** violation as “one in which there is substantial probability that death or serious physical harm could result, and the employer knew or should have known of the hazard.” Many of the penalties are due to incidents in which the employer fails to adhere to safe work practices.

Fine	Industry	Violations
\$3.42 million	Auto parts manufacturer	Lockout/Tagout, failure to train employees on how to operate equipment, did not service a maintain equipment per OSHA recommendations
\$1.39	Shipyard Operator	Failure to conduct monitoring to assess lead exposures and failure to implement respiratory program for lead exposure, failure to train workers on the hazards related to lead and asbestos
\$1.04 million	Retail chain	\$163,000 fine for trash pile blocking an emergency exit. Other violations included: unlabeled circuit breakers, stairs without railings, exit signs posted at a door that was not an exit, and lack of fire extinguisher training.

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