

OSHA Top 10 Safety Violations FY 2023

During the 2023 National Safety Council (NSC) Congress & Expo, OSHA's regional administrator under the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Eric Harbin, announced the list of OSHA's top 10 most frequently cited standards for fiscal year (FY) 2023.

As with most years, the FY2023 list remains mostly unchanged other than some shuffling in order. **For the 13th consecutive year, Fall Protection – General Requirements** tops the list by a wide margin, with 7,271 violations, a 38% increase from FY2022. The total number of violations on the FY2023 Top 10 list experienced an 34% increase overall from FY2022. **Hazard Communication, Ladders, Scaffolding, and Powered Industrial Trucks** round out the FY 2023 top five, with each increasing more than 30%. Respiratory Protection saw the largest fall down the list, moving from the spot 3 to 7, yet still seeing a 14% increase in total violations from 2022.

NSC President and CEO, Lorraine Martin, emphasized the continued, repeat appearances on the list annually, stating, *"As a safety community, we must come together to acknowledge these persistent trends and identify solutions to better protect workers."*

Keep an eye out for a more detailed report of these top violations in an upcoming edition of the NSC *Safety+Health* magazine and the osha.gov website (<https://www.osha.gov/top10citedstandards>).

For additional information on the SMCX's services, please visit the SMCX-hosted website at: <https://www.smcsx.org/>.

OSHA Top 10 Most Frequently Cited Workplace Safety Violations FY2023

1	Fall Protection – General Requirements (1926.501): 7,271 violations
2	Hazard Communication (1910.1200): 3,213 violations
3	Ladders (1926.1053): 2,978 violations
4	Scaffolding (1926.451): 2,859 violations
5	Powered Industrial Trucks (1910.178): 2,561 violations
6	Lockout/Tagout (1910.147): 2,554 violations
7	Respiratory Protection (1910.134): 2,481 violations
8	Fall Protection – Training Requirements (1926.503): 2,112 violations
9	Personal Protective and Lifesaving Equipment – Eye and Face Protection (1926.102): 2,074 violations
10	Machine Guarding (1910.212): 1,644 violations

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