

# OSHA Top 10 Safety Violations FY 2024

During the 2024 National Safety Council (NSC) Congress & Expo, OSHA's Director of the Directorate of Enforcement Programs, Scott Ketcham, announced the preliminary list of OSHA's top 10 most frequently cited standards for fiscal year (FY) 2024.

As with most years, the FY2024 list remains mostly unchanged other than some shuffling in order. **For the 14th consecutive year, Fall Protection – General Requirements** tops the list by a wide margin, with 6,307 violations, a **13% decrease** from FY2023. The total number of violations on the FY2024 Top 10 list experienced an 12% decrease overall from FY2023 yet is still 18% higher than FY2022. **Hazard Communication, Ladders, Respiratory Protection, and Lockout/Tagout** round out the FY 2024 top five. Scaffolding saw the largest fall down the list, moving from the spot 4 to 8, due to a 34% decrease in total violations from 2023.

NSC President and CEO, Lorraine Martin, emphasized the oft-repeated appearances on the list, stating, “*While incredible*

*advancements are made in safety each year, we continue to see many of the same types of violations appear on OSHA's Top 10 list. As a safety community, it's critical we come together to acknowledge these persistent trends and identify solutions to better protect our workforces.*”

Keep an eye out for more in-depth analysis of these top violations in the December 2024 edition of the NSC *Safety+Health* magazine.

The osha.gov website (<https://www.osha.gov/top10citedstandards>) still listed FY2023 figures at the time of this article.

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

## OSHA Top 10 Most Frequently Cited Workplace Safety Violations FY2024

1	Fall Protection – General Requirements (1926.501): 6,307 violations
2	Hazard Communication (1910.1200): 2,888 violations
3	Ladders (1926.1053): 2,573 violations
4	Respiratory Protection (1910.134): 2,470 violations
5	Lockout/Tagout (1910.147): 2,443 violations
6	Powered Industrial Trucks (1910.178): 2,248 violations
7	Fall Protection – Training Requirements (1926.503): 2,050 violations
8	Scaffolding (1926.451): 1,873 violations
9	Personal Protective and Lifesaving Equipment – Eye and Face Protection (1926.102): 1,814 violations
10	Machine Guarding (1910.212): 1,541 violations

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