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Top OSHA Citations of 2016



FALL PROTECTION

1926.501 – violations generally involve failing to provide adequate fall protection systems to employees working at elevated heights.

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HAZARD COMMUNICATION

1910.1200 – violations generally involve failure to properly classify hazards and communicate them to employees.

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SCAFFOLDS

1926.451 – violations typically involve improper assembly of scaffolds, such as missing planking.

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RESPIRATORY PROTECTION

1910.134 – violations are generally for employees using respirators not being medically evaluated or properly fit tested.

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LOCKOUT/TAGOUT (LOTO)

1910.147 – violations include failing to have machine specific LOTO procedures, inadequate training on procedures, and failing to conduct periodic inspections of procedures.

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POWERED INDUSTRIAL TRUCKS

1910.178 – violations generally involve the unsafe use of a forklift.

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LADDERS

1926.1053 – violations typically involve defective ladders or the improper use of portable ladders.

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MACHINE GUARDING

1910.212 – violations are generally for failing to have machines and equipment adequately guarded.

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ELECTRICAL WIRING

1910.305 – violations are generally for temporary wiring used in lieu of permanent wiring and inappropriate use of extension (flexible) cords.

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ELECTRICAL GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1910.303 – violations generally involve the improper installation of electrical equipment.

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