



OSHA announced its preliminary list of Top 10 Most Cited Violations in 2019 at the National Safety Council Congress and Expo in San Diego, California.

The Top 10 Most Cited OSHA Violations in 2019¹ is as follows:

1. Fall Protection - General Requirements (6,010 violations)
2. Hazard Communication (3,671 violations)
3. Scaffolding (2,813 violations)
4. Lockout/Tagout (2,606 violations)
5. Respiratory Protection (2,450 violations)
6. Ladders (2,345 violations)
7. Powered Industrial Trucks (2,093 violations)
8. Fall Protection - Training Requirements (1,773 violations)
9. Machine Guarding (1,743 violations)
10. Eye & Face Protection (1,411 violations)

While very little has changed in the rankings overall, many recognize the topmost safety hazards within the workplace as a challenge; but Conney Safety's team of safety trainers and consultants see it as an opportunity that employers can readily and easily overcome.

Once again, 'Hazard Communication' appears at the top of the agency's list; likely due to the questions and confusion that surround OSHA's adoption of GHS² in 2012 (*The Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals*), and where full compliance was required only a few short years ago in 2016. No wonder Hazard Communication continues to affect compliance efforts.

Conney Safety is well equipped to address Hazard Communication, in addition to each and every safety violation, whether through proper product selection or additional support from our Safety Services Team (SST) consultants. This also includes Machine Guarding (#9) where SST can field customer discussions and work with our novel vendors to investigate the possibility of more advanced solutions than the standard product offering.

Training (#8) is also an area that can have a direct impact on outcomes, with fall protection as one of the most popular training courses SST commonly customizes to meet a customer's specific requirements.

In addition to fall protection training, SST consultants have helped countless workers understand the risks and the solutions of other EH&S concerns using a personable and easy-to-digest format that makes training unforgettable and highly successful.

Areas of SST expertise include:

- Compliance audits (to help identify weaknesses in a current safety program)
- Review and development of written safety programs
- Customized safety training (providing a hands-on approach and making the presentation relevant to the audience)

Part of uncovering workplace deficiencies is simply to be aware of the support that is available through Conney Safety SST consultants. By speaking to a consultant about a compliance issue, or asking them a complicated safety questions, an employer can mine a wealth of safety knowledge, as well as have a proven safety advocate assist with their program.

Endnotes:

1. <https://ohsonline.com/articles/2019/09/10/nsc--osha-announce-fy-2019-most-cited-violations.aspx>
2. *GHS is a United Nations managed (and OSHA adopted) standardization of the following: Hazard classification, labels, pictograms, and safety data sheets. GHS is supplemental to an international four-digit numbering system used to identify hazardous materials.*