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OSHA'S MOST FREQUENTLY CITED STANDARDS

Every year, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) publishes a list of the most frequently cited construction standards. What can you do with this information? Since OSHA sets and enforces standards to ensure your safety and health on the job, knowing which standards are on the list gives you an opportunity to identify areas in your workplace that could be improved. The point isn't simply to avoid violations by complying with OSHA standards but, more importantly, to reduce workplace injuries and accidents by focusing on hazards that are frequently overlooked, ignored, or not understood.

Following are the top 5 most cited OSHA standards from October 2005 to September 2006, divided into their SIC code (Standard Industrial Classification code) Major Groups. [The number of citations is noted in parentheses.]

Building Construction—General Contractors and Operative Builders:

1. **1926.451:** Scaffolding General Requirements (1812)
2. **1926.501:** Duty to Have Fall Protection (1694)
3. **1926.1053:** Ladders (517)
4. **1926.1052:** Stairways (429)
5. **1926.20:** General Safety and Health Provisions (421)

Heavy Construction Other Than Building Construction Contractors:

1. **1926.651:** Specific Excavation Requirements (760)
2. **1926.652:** Protective Systems for Excavations (606)
3. **1926.21:** Safety Training and Education (180)
4. **1926.100:** Head Protection (122)
5. **1926.501:** Duty to Have Fall Protection (88)

Construction Special Trade Contractors:

1. **1926.451:** Scaffolding General Requirements (6972)
2. **1926.501:** Duty to Have Fall Protection (4515)
3. **1926.1053:** Ladders (1709)
4. **1926.503:** Fall Protection Training Requirements (1529)
5. **1926.20:** General Safety and Health Provisions (1353)

Take this opportunity to examine the top 5 violations in our line of business since these statistics indicate the areas in which the most mistakes and omissions are made. Are you taking the appropriate steps to eliminate these violations? When you're working on a task that is regulated by one of these standards, do you know what the standard requires of you? Do your work practices comply with those requirements? Let's all work together to eliminate unsafe practices and OSHA violations.

SAFETY REMINDER

**Safety and accident prevention begin
with having the right attitude!
Always put safety first.**

Special Topics For Your Project _____

Employee Safety Recommendations _____

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Subject _____

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Supervisor's Signature _____

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