

TOP 10 SERIOUS OSHA VIOLATIONS

(AND HOW TO AVOID THEM)

According to OSHA, a serious violation occurs when "the workplace hazard could cause an accident or illness that would most likely result in death or serious physical harm" and the employer should have known about it. It's worth noting that this type of violation carries a penalty of up to \$12,675.



1 FALL PROTECTION IN CONSTRUCTION

AVOID IT: Identify the right type of fall protection systems and equipment for the job. Properly construct and install safety systems. Train workers on how to select, use, and maintain fall protection systems.

2 HAZARD COMMUNICATION

AVOID IT: Make sure you have a written hazard communication program. Provide employees with easy access to your hazard communication program and MSDSs.



3 SCAFFOLDING

AVOID IT: Train workers on how to safely build, inspect, access, and dismantle scaffolds. Use a near miss reporting system to identify potentially unsafe work practices like climbing crossbraces instead of using the ladder, or jumping between scaffolds.

4 RESPIRATORY PROTECTION

AVOID IT: Make sure you have a written respiratory protection program. Provide the right respirator for the job, and fit test it if necessary to make sure the respirator provides adequate protection. Provide a medical evaluation to determine whether the user is fit to wear a respirator. Train workers on how to use, clean, and maintain the respirator.

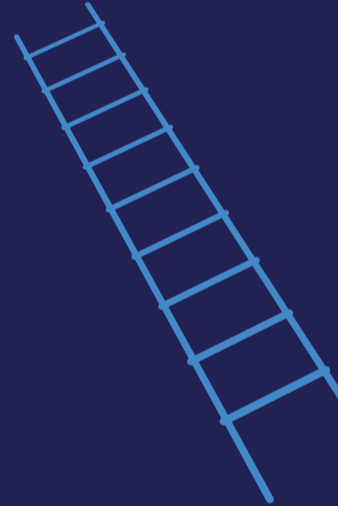


5 LOCKOUT/TAGOUT

AVOID IT: Provide employee training and perform periodic inspections to ensure that dangerous machines are shut off and not able to be started up again before performing maintenance or servicing work.

6 LADDERS IN CONSTRUCTION

AVOID IT: Train employees to choose the right ladder for the job and use it safely. Inspect and replace damaged ladders.



7 POWERED INDUSTRIAL TRUCKS

AVOID IT: Train workers on safe truck operation, the types of vehicles being used, workplace hazards created by these vehicles, and OSHA safety requirements. Make sure employees can demonstrate safe truck operation. Perform refresher training anytime an operator demonstrates a deficiency.

8 MACHINE GUARDING

AVOID IT: Identify any machine part or process that could cause injury. Select and provide appropriate guarding like blade guards, rails, shields, light curtains, and pressure sensitive mats. Supervise workers until they can operate machinery safely on their own.



9 FALL PROTECTION TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

AVOID IT: Train workers in identifying fall hazards and proper use of fall protection equipment.

10 ELECTRICAL WIRING METHODS

AVOID IT: Make sure equipment and circuitry is properly grounded. Inspect and replace damaged extension cords.



Your Takeaway

As you move toward the new year, it's time to evaluate whether you have the right systems in place to avoid a serious OSHA violation. Perillon EHS software can help you manage regulatory compliance, reduce risk, and proactively prevent accidents and incidents.