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## OSHA's Top Ten Violations for 2016

Every October, the Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration releases a preliminary list of the 10 most frequently cited safety and health violations for the fiscal year, compiled from nearly 32,000 inspections of workplaces by federal OSHA staff.

One remarkable thing about the list is that it rarely changes. Year after year, our inspectors see thousands of the same on-the-job hazards, any one of which could result in a fatality or severe injury.

More than 4,500 workers are killed on the job every year, and approximately 3 million are injured, despite the fact that by law, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their workers.

Per OSHA, if all employers simply corrected the top 10 hazards, we are confident the number of deaths, amputations and hospitalizations would drastically decline. Consider this list a starting point for workplace safety:

1. **Fall protection**
2. **Hazard communication**
3. **Scaffolds**
4. **Respiratory protection**
5. **Lockout/tagout**
6. **Powered industrial trucks**
7. **Ladders**
8. **Machine guarding**
9. **Electrical wiring**
10. **Electrical, general requirements**