



Safety “Hit” Parade

Have you seen any safety violations on your jobsite lately? Have you contributed to one or more of these violations? Want to know what are the twenty (20) most violated OSHA SAFETY STANDARDS throughout the country? Here’s the list published by OSHA last year. Read, and weep!

Each year, OSHA publishes its list of the **100 Most Cited Safety Violations** across the country. The sad thing is that they continue to occur everywhere. Let’s take a look at 20 of them:

20 Most Cited Construction Standards

1. No Written HazCom Program
2. Failure to Post the OSHA 200 Log
3. No HazCom Training for Employees
4. Containers not Labeled
5. OSHA 200 Form
6. No Medical Record File
7. No Lock-Out/Tag-Out Program
8. No Machine Guards
9. No MSDS Sheets
10. No Eye-Wash in First –Aid Kit
11. Floor/Wall Openings Unguarded
12. Faulty extension cords
13. No Training on Use of Fire Extinguishers
14. No GFI training
15. No Hard Hats
16. No Hearing protection
17. No Eye protection
18. Heavy duty work boots not worn
19. No Ladders in trench
20. No Respirators worn

Safety Quiz

Now let’s discuss your own worksite situation. On this list of the **20 Most Cited OSHA Standards**, how many of them have you violated? Let’s discuss some more:

- Do you always wear your hard hat?
- When there’s eye hazards, do you put your wrap-around safety goggles on?
- Do you wear heavy-duty work boots, or Reeboks?
- Do you keep the machine guards in place when you’re operating table saws?
- Do you wear earplugs, or ear muffs, when you’re operating tools and equipment that produce 90 or more decibels?
- Do you use faulty power tools? Extension cords?
- Do you know how to use the fire extinguishers on your jobsite?
- Do you ever stand on the top of your stepladder? The top two rungs?

- Do you regularly attend company –sponsored Safety Talks?
- Do you know where your company’s first-aid kit is located on your jobsite? Why not?

If you answered “no,” or “maybe,” or “sometimes,” then you’ve just scored a failing grade on this short quiz? In other words, you got a great, big, fat “F.”

What you’ve got to do is work towards getting a super “A” on any safety QUIZ like the one above.

One Final Thought: Most of the more serious injuries, and a high number of fatalities, are connected with victims of the TOP TWENTY list outlined above. Don’t be a statistic... be a live, healthy, productive and happy worker.