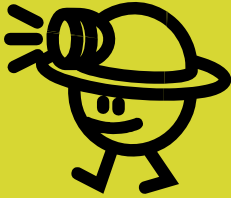


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# Hats ON for Safety

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## Stop Injuries



### Workplace Fatalities

Year-long emphasis on the most hazardous industries and most common areas of work fatalities has driven violation citations to an all-time high and workplace injuries and fatalities to a record low.

OSHA will place increased focus on the four leading causes of workplace fatalities, which are **falls, electrocutions, caught in or between and struck by**. These types of hazards could bring OSHA to your door.

### Electrocutions

Exposure to electrical energy can happen in many ways—a broken light bulb, an overhead power line. Make sure workers are trained for

### Fall Protection

OSHA requires fall protection be provided at four feet above the lower level in general industry and six feet in construction. Fall protection must be provided when working over dangerous equipment and machinery.

When working in personnel platforms lifted with forklifts and similar vehicles, be careful. These must be approved and fall protection and other safeguards must be in



place. Make sure the employees have the proper tools for the job (ladders, scaffolding, scissor lifts) and that

they use and maintain them properly. Make sure the walking and work areas are clean and maintained.



the work they will do. Make sure electrical installations are in accordance with codes.

Tools, equipment and cords must be in good condition. Repairs and

installations should be made only by qualified personnel wearing proper equipment and clothing. Lockout/tagout procedures must be in place. Be extra careful when working in damp locations near energized lines.

## Caught in or Between

Make sure machine safeguards are in place.

Moving machine parts can be very dangerous. Loose clothing, jewelry or long hair can get caught in moving parts.



Trenches and excavations pose “caught in” hazards

Lockout/tagout is a MUST when servicing equipment. An unexpected energizing of equipment can trap workers between moving parts.

## New OSHA Enforcement Initiatives

OSHA has announced a new pilot program where they will work with local building inspectors to assure worker safety and health protection. In construction, the four leading causes of worker deaths are falls, electrocution, being crushed or caught between and being struck. Inspectors participating in this pilot program will notify OSHA when they observe unsafe work conditions leading to the four major causes of workplace fatalities

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## Struck by

- Make sure workers have safe operating distances and are separated from machinery and equipment.
- Keep material handling equipment, (forklifts, cranes, conveyors) in good working condition.
- Make sure only trained employees operate the equipment. If possible, separate pedestrian traffic from moving equipment.
- Falling objects obviously can cause “struck by” accidents.
- Make sure workers are



stacking and storing material properly.

- Use proper barricades and warnings.
- Provide high-visibility clothing.
- We don't always think of this but, remember, tools and operations like grinding can send debris flying with great force.
- Separate workers as much as possible.
- Provide adequate guarding.
- Use Personal Protective Equipment
- Maintain and inspect equipment.

## Focus on Hazards in YOUR Workplace

We have just talked about the four big hazards. There are numerous other hazards that can occur in individual operations. You should have a solid hazard assessment and recognition program to help identify and control hazards in your workplace.

