

“For Safety’s Sake - Do Something”

Is Complacency to Blame for Repeat Safety Violations?

OSHA’s Top 10 Safety Violation List Identifies Same Infractions Year After Year

The top 10 cited violations for FY2017 (in tentative order):

1. Fall Protection; General Requirements
2. Hazard Communication
3. Scaffolding
4. Respiratory Protection
5. Lockout / Tagout
6. Ladders
7. Powered Industrial Trucks
8. Machine Guarding
9. Fall Protection – Training Requirements
10. Electrical – Wiring Methods

One of many reasons for these repeat violations may be that it is easy for workers to become complacent in their daily work practices.

In 2015, nearly 4,400 workers lost their lives at work with just over 21% in construction, equating to one in five deaths. Simply eliminating the Fatal Four Hazards would save 602 workers lives annually!!

Falls alone account for over 40% of all deaths followed by Struck by Objects. Nearly 2/3 of all fatalities happen from Falls, Struck by Objects, Caught in or Between Objects and Electrocutions which are all categorized as the Fatal Four.

Tip:

Practice makes perfect. Consciously make an effort to practice safe behaviors every day and those safe behaviors will become second nature.

Whether good or bad practices, we tend to behave in a manner that comes naturally to us. Safe practices come easy when they are ingrained in our daily routine. Like putting on our seat belt, or riding a bike - after a while we should begin to notice that it takes minimal effort to take the necessary steps to work safely (putting on our PPE, performing lockout / tagout / tryout before working with electrical, inspecting and setting up a ladder correctly before using it, etc.)

If you practice safety every day - Good Job. Keep It Up!

If you think you could improve your safety behaviors - Keep Practicing! The more you make safe choices, the more natural it becomes to always work safely!

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