Construction Update

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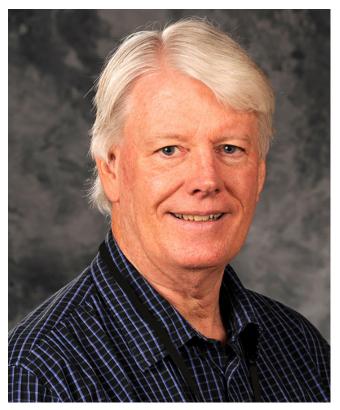
OTI #3010 – Excavation,
Trenching & Soil Mechanics
Course



New OSHA Leadership



James Fredrick
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary



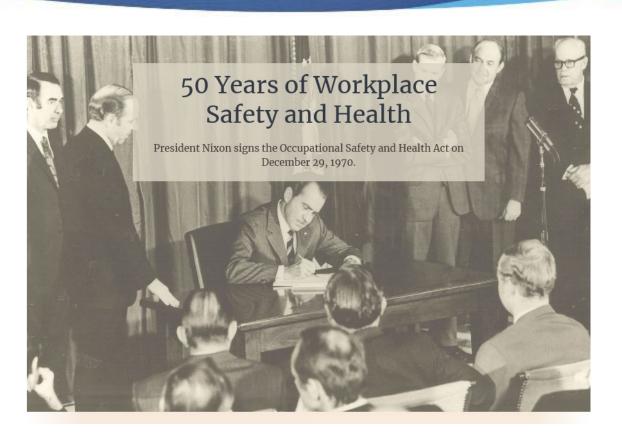
Chip Hughes
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Pandemic and
Emergency Response

Directorate of Construction

- OCS (Construction Services): Field enforcement assistance, Compliance Assistance, Interpretations, ACCSH
- OES (Engineering Services): Forensic engineering analysis, Structural and Geotechnical Assistance
- OCSG (Construction Standards and Guidance): Develop and promulgate Construction standards; Directives; Interpretations and other guidance products



OSHA at 50



- 50th anniversary of the landmark OSH ACT of 1970
- Mission of preventing workrelated injuries, illnesses, and deaths



OSHA's Comprehensive Approach



Cooperative and State Programs

Enforcement

Standards and Guidance





OSHA and COVID-19

National Emphasis Program (NEP) for Protecting Workers from COVID-19 Exposure

- Goal: Substantially reduce or eliminate worker exposures
 - Combination of inspection targeting, outreach to employers, and compliance assistance.

Focus:

- Establishments that put the largest number of workers at serious risk of contracting the coronavirus.
- To prevent retaliation against workers who complain about unsafe or unhealthful conditions or exercise other rights.

Focused Enforcement

- Inspections will focus on industries and worksites with tasks that have high frequency close contact exposures with increased potential exposure.
- Inspections will follow current priorities:
 - Unprogrammed
 - Follow Up
 - Programmed



Interim Enforcement Guidance

- Updated plan replaces May 26, 2020 guidance
- Goals:
 - Identify exposures to COVID-19 hazards;
 - Ensure that appropriate control measures are implemented
 - Address violations of OSHA standards and the General Duty Clause.
- Remains in effect until further notice.



Interim Enforcement Guidance

- Prioritizes
 - On-site workplace inspections where practical, or a combination of on-site and remote methods.
 - COVID-19-related inspections involving deaths or multiple hospitalizations and complaints/referrals alleging potential exposure to COVID-19-related hazards.
 - Use of remote methods for employee interviews and collection of documentation to minimize person-to-person contact.



Interim Enforcement Guidance

- Supports the NEP
 - Implementing programmed inspections targeting industries where:
 - OSHA has previously identified increased enforcement activity; and/or
 - establishments with elevated rates of respiratory illnesses in CY 2020.
 - Ensuring workers are protected from retaliation
- Provides specific inspection and citation guidance for all COVID-19-related inspections, until further notice.



Outreach and Compliance Assistance

- Nationwide outreach with industry, labor, and alliances.
- Continued outreach using products and activities:
 - New information shared through letters, news releases, social media, and QuickTakes.
 - Seminars tailored to specific audiences.
 - Working with national and regional offices of federal agencies.

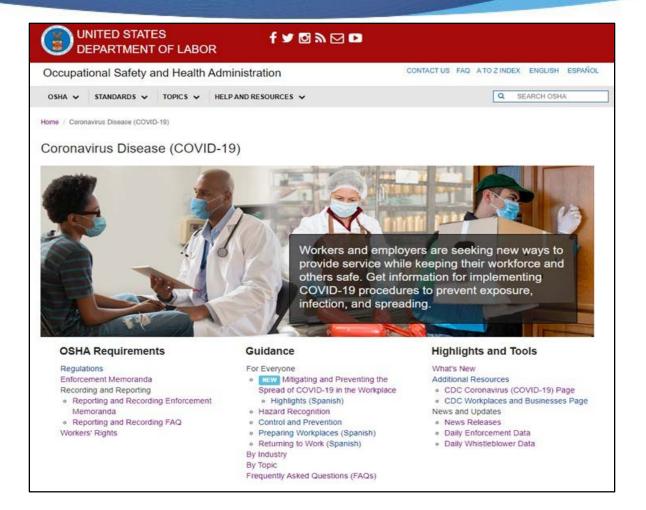


Protecting OSHA Compliance Safety and Health Officers (CSHOs)

- Evaluate risks and determine appropriate protective measures.
- Provide all needed equipment, supplies, and PPE.
- Respiratory protection requirements for COVID and non-COVID inspections.
- Vaccinations are a priority.



OSHA COVID-19 Resources



OSHA.gov/coronavirus includes latest information and resources on protecting workers from exposure to COVID-19.



Construction Regulatory Activities

- Railroad Cranes Final Rule in effect
- Crane Amendments NPRM Clearance
- Communication Towers NPRM
- Welding in Confined Spaces NPRM
- PPE in Construction NPRM
- Powered Industrial Trucks NPRM (ACCSH)
- Hazard Communication NPRM

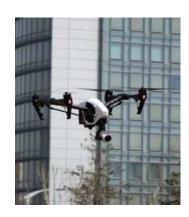




Directives

- New Excavation Directive
- New Small Unmanned Aerial System (Drone) Directive
- Updating of Crane Directive for Operator Certification









OSHA Inspection Data

FY20 Overall Inspection Data (OIS FY20)	
Construction	51.1%
General Industry	48.9%
Programmed	40.3%
Un-Programmed	59.7%
Fatalities Inspected	1494
Avg. Hrs/Safety Inspection	23.91
Avg. Hrs/Health Inspection	44.86

Construction Inspection Data

Top 10 Violations in Construction CY20 Data (OIS 12/31/20)

1) 1926.501 - Fall Protection	6) 1926.20 - General S&H Provisions
2) 1926.451 - Scaffolding General Req	7) 1926.100 - Head Protection
3) 1926.1053 - Ladders	8) 1926.651 - Excavation Requirements
4) 1926.503 - Fall Protection Training	9) 1910.1200 - Hazard Communication
5) 1926.102 - Eye & Face Protection	10) 1926.502 - Fall Pro Systems Criteria & Practices



Construction Inspection Data Cont.

Top 10 Violations in Construction CY20 Data (OIS 12/31/20)

Standard	Total Violations	Serious Violations	Willful Violations	Repeat Violations
1926.501 - Fall Protection	5435	4301	149	841
1926.451 - Scaffolding General Req	2540	2343	11	118
1926.1053 - Ladders	2134	1904	11	108
1926.503 - Fall Protection Training	1623	1149	9	87
1926.102 - Eye & Face Protection	1369	1204	8	113
1926.20 - General S & H Provisions	894	724	5	65
1926.100 - Head Protection	782	694	1	49
1926.651 - Excavation Requirements	697	550	7	32
1910.1200 - Hazard Communication	661	462	0	21
1926.502 - Fall Protection Systems Criteria & Practices	646	557	0	12

NAICS Code #238290, Other Building Equipment Contractors

1) 1926.501 - Fall Protection	6) 1926.503 - Fall Protection Training
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2) 1926.1053 - Ladders 7) 1926.1204 - PRCS Program

3) 1926.451 - Scaffolding General Req 8) 1926.21 - Safety Training & Education

4) 1926.454 - Scaffold Training 9) 1926.100 - Head Protection

5) 1926.502 - Fall Protection 10) 1926. 405 - Wiring Methods, Components, &

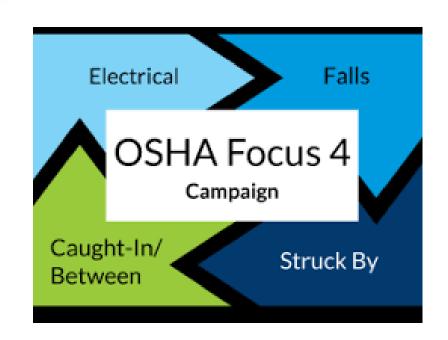
Systems Criteria & Practices Equipment for General Use



Construction Focus Four

The actual breakdown of the causes of fatalities on construction sites in 2019 is as follows (numbers are a percentage of the 1,061 total construction-related fatalities that occurred in 2019):

- Falls: 418 (39.3%)
- Struck-by object: 90 (8.4%)
- Electrocutions: 79 (7.4%)
- Caught-in/between: 59 (5.5%)
 BLS 2019 Data for all Ownerships





Fatal Fall Incidents in Construction

Fall Incidents in Construction – 228 (OIS CY19 Data)	
Roofs	62
Holes/Skylights	33
Ladders	31
Scaffolding/Elevated Platforms	48
Walking-working Surfaces	54
➤ Communication Towers – 2 (falls only)	
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Fatal Struck-by Incidents in Construction

Struck-by Incidents in Construction – 141 (OIS CY19 Data)		
Moving equipment	59	
➤ Control of hazardous energy – 4		
Falling/moving objects	52	
Traffic	30	



Electrocution Incidents in Construction

Electrocution Incidents in Construction – 65 (OIS CY19 Data)		
Contact with powerlines	30	
Contact with other live parts	33	
➤ Lockout/Tagout – 22		
Lightning strikes	2	



Fatal Caught-in/Between Incidents in Construction

Caught-in/Between Incidents in Construction – 45 (OIS CY19 Data)		
Collapsing/moving structure or equipment	20	
Excavation or trench cave-in	18	
Moving parts	7	
➤ Control of hazardous energy – 4		



Preventing Focus Four Hazards



https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3886.pdf

- Management Leadership
- Worker Participation
- Hazard Identification & Assessment
- Hazard Prevention & Control
- Education & Training
- Program Evaluation & Improvement
- Communication & Coordination for Employers on Multiemployer Worksites



National Emphasis Programs

- Combustible Dust
- Hazardous Machinery
- Hexavalent Chromium
- Lead
- Primary Metal Industries
- Process Safety Management
- Shipbreaking
- Crystalline Silica
- Trenching and Excavation



https://www.osha.gov/enforcement/directives/nep

FY2021 OSHA National Outreach Events

- Stand-Up 4 Grain Safety Week (March 29 April 2, 2021)
- National Stand-Down to Prevent Struck-by Incidents (April 26th, 2021)
- National Work Zone Awareness Week (April 26 30, 2021)
- Fall Prevention Week (May 3 7, 2021)
- Heat Prevention Stand-Down (May 21, 2021)
- Trench Safety Stand-Down (June 14 18, 2021)
- Safe + Sound Week (August 2021)

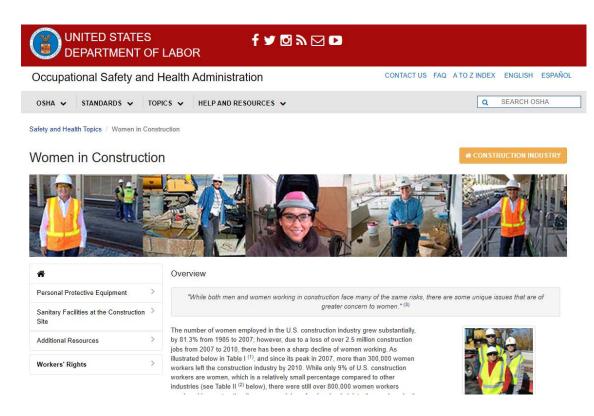


On-Site Consultation Program

- No-cost and confidential occupational safety and health services to small and medium-sized businesses
- Separate from enforcement and do not result in penalties or citations
- Work with employers to:
 - Identify workplace hazards,
 - Provide advice for compliance with OSHA standards, and;
 - Assist in establishing and improving safety and health programs



Women in Construction



- Women employed in U.S.
 construction industry grew by 81.3% from 1985 to 2007
- Peaked in 2007, reduction of more than 300k by 2010
- 800k women workers in construction in 2010

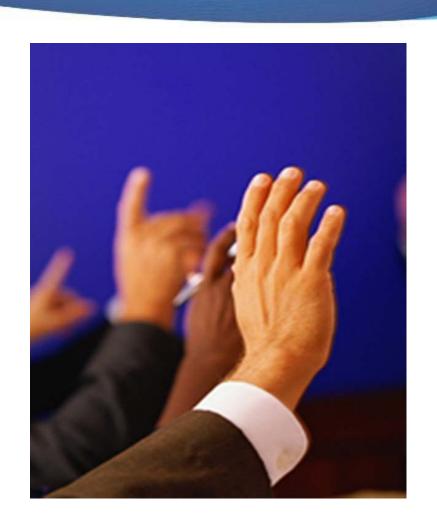


Continual Updates

- Visit OSHA's website to sign up to receive OSHA information:
 - QuickTakes biweekly newsletter (287,000+ subscribers)
 - Tip of the Day (33,700+ subscribers)
 - www.osha.gov/contactus
- Follow OSHA on social media
 - Twitter: @OSHA_DOL (21,500+ followers)
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