

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY TIP

OSHA STANDARDS AND TOP 10 MOST FREQUENTLY CITED

OSHA. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration, or OSHA, was created as part of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970. OSHA is part of the U. S. Department of Labor and covers most private sector employers and their workers. OSHA’s mission is to ensure safe and healthful working conditions for workers by setting and enforcing standards and by providing training, outreach, education and assistance.











OSHA STANDARDS. Rules that describe the methods that employers must use to protect their employees from hazards are called OSHA standards. OSHA standards are published in Title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and are divided into four separate industry groups:

1. General Industry
2. Construction
3. Maritime
4. Agriculture

Standards that pertain to the rail industry generally fall into the **GENERAL INDUSTRY** and **CONSTRUCTION** groups.

FREQUENTLY CITED STANDARDS. OSHA publishes annually a list of the top 10 most frequently cited standards. OSHA publishes the list to alert employers about these commonly cited standards so they can take steps to **FIND AND FIX** recognized hazards addressed in these and other standards. According to OSHA, far too many preventable injuries, illnesses, and deaths occur in the workplace that are related to these top 10 cited standards.

TOP 10 LIST

	FALL PROTECTION Construction - 29 CFR 1926.501		FALL PROTECTION TRAINING Construction - 29 CFR 1926.503
	RESPIRATORY PROTECTION General Industry - 29 CFR 1910.134		CONTROL OF HAZARDOUS ENERGY General Industry - 29 CFR 1910.147
	LADDERS Construction - 29 CFR 1926.1053		EYE AND FACE PROTECTION Construction - 29 CFR 1926.102
	HAZARD COMMUNICATION General Industry - 29 CFR 1910.1200		POWERED INDUSTRIAL TRUCKS General Industry - 29 CFR 1910.178
	SCAFFOLDING Construction - 29 CFR 1926.451		MACHINERY & MACHINE GUARDING Construction - 29 CFR 1910.212