



TOP 10 CAL/OSHA CITATIONS

Toolbox Talk

WHY THIS MATTERS

- Cal/OSHA publishes its top 10 most frequently cited standards every year to highlight hazards that lead to injuries, illnesses, and fatalities. These violations often involved basic safety requirements that, if ignored, can result in serious harm and significant fines. Understanding these standards helps us stay compliant and keep everyone safe.

TAKEAWAYS

- These standards exist because violations have led to preventable injuries and fatalities.
 - Compliance is not just about avoiding fines — it's about protecting lives.
 - Review your work area today:
 - Is your team familiar with the IIPP?
 - Are heat illness protocols in place?
 - Are chemicals labeled and SDS accessible?
 - Is lockout/tagout being followed?
 - Are fire extinguishers and eyewash stations ready?

TOP 10 CITATIONS

- Injury and Illness Prevention Program (IIPP)
 - Every employer must have a written IIPP that identifies workplace hazards and trains employees. Without it, hazards go unaddressed.
- Heat Illness Prevention
 - Outdoor workers must have water, shade, and rest breaks. Heat illness can be fatal if ignored.
- IIPP for Construction
 - Planning and training are critical for high-risk environments.
- Reporting Serious Injuries & Fatalities
 - Employers must report serious injuries immediately. Delays can hinder investigations and emergency response.
- Hazard Communication
 - Workers need to know what chemicals they're exposed to and how to handle them safely. Missing labels or training can lead to chemical burns or poisoning.
- Control of Hazardous Energy (Lockout/Tagout)
 - Prevents accidental machine start-up during maintenance. Failure here can cause amputations or death.
- Portable Fire Extinguishers
 - Extinguishers must be accessible and employees trained to use them. Fires escalate quickly without proper equipment.
- Respiratory Protection
 - Protects workers from harmful dust, fumes, and vapors. Improper respirator use can lead to chronic illness.
- Respirable Crystalline Silica
 - Exposure to silica dust can cause lung disease. Controls and PPE are mandatory.
- Emergency Eyewash and Shower Equipment
 - Required where corrosive chemicals are present. Seconds count in chemical exposure incidents.