

Ten Most Frequently Cited Serious Violations by Agricultural Safety and Health Bureau

1. NCGS 95-129(1)—General Duty Clause
2. 1910.132(a)—Personal protective equipment—General requirements
3. 1910.135(a)(1)—Personal protective equipment—Head protection—General requirement to provide head protection when needed
4. 1910.133(a)(1)—Personal protective equipment—Eye and face protection—General requirements
5. NCGS 95-225(f)—Fire safety for migrant housing
6. 1910.1200(h)(1)—Hazard communication—Training
7. 1910.132(d)(1)—Personal protective equipment—Hazard assessment
8. 1910.28(b)(1)(i)—Duty to have fall protection—Unprotected sides and edges—Employees protected 4 feet or more above lower level
9. 1910.1200(e)(1)—Hazard communication—Written program
10. 1910.1200(f)(6)—Hazard communication—Workplace labeling



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When looking through this brochure, please remember the mission of the N.C. Department of Labor is greater than just to enforce regulations. An equally important goal is to help people find ways to create safe workplaces. This brochure, like the many other educational materials produced by this department, can help. Reading and using this information will aid you in developing a safety and health program that saves lives.

Compliance assists employers in improving their workplace safety and health programs to eliminate on-the-job injuries and illnesses through enforcement activity.

Consultative Services provides free on-site consultation regarding both safety and health issues. Services are provided to employers of limited size and to employers within high-hazard industries, assisting them to reach their goal of achieving a safe and healthful workplace for their employees. Consultative Services also administers the Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP), which recognizes small and mid-size employers who have developed and maintained effective safety and health programs.

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Ten Most Frequently Cited Serious Violations (Public Sector Only)

1. 1910.212(a)(1)—Machine guarding—General requirements
2. 1910.215(b)(9)—Machine guarding—Abrasive wheel machinery—Exposure adjustment
3. 1910.305(b)(2)(i)—Electrical—Covers and canopies—Covers identified for the purpose
4. NCGS 95-129(1)—General Duty Clause
5. 1910.303(b)(7)(i)—Electrical—Unused openings
6. 1910.1030(c)(1)(iv)—Bloodborne pathogens—Exposure control plan annual review and update
7. 1910.1030(g)(2)(ii)(B)—Bloodborne pathogens—Annual training
8. 1910.132(a)—Personal protective equipment—General requirements
9. 1910.22(a)(1)—Walking-working surfaces—Housekeeping
10. 1910.212(b)—Machine guarding—Anchoring fixed machinery

Ten Most Frequently Cited Serious Construction Industry Violations (Private Sector)

1. 1926.501(b)(13)—Fall protection—Residential construction—Employees protected 6 feet or more above lower level
2. 1926.102(a)(1)—Personal protective equipment—Eye and face protection—General requirements
3. 1926.20(b)(2)—General safety and health provisions—Accident prevention—Frequent and regular inspections
4. 1926.1053(b)(1)—Ladders—Must extend 3 feet above landing or be properly secured to access upper landing
5. 1926.100(a)—Personal protective equipment—Head protection—General requirements
6. 1926.503(b)(1)—Fall protection—Certification of training
7. 1926.503(a)(1)—Fall protection—Training program
8. 1926.20(b)(1)—General safety and health provisions—Accident prevention—Initiate and maintain programs
9. 1926.451(e)(1)—Scaffolds—Point of access
10. 1926.1060(a)—Stairways and ladders—Training program

Ten Most Frequently Cited Serious General Industry Violations (Private Sector)

1. 1910.212(a)(1)—Machine guarding—General requirements
2. NCGS 95-129(1)—General Duty Clause
3. 1910.147(c)(4)(i)—Lockout/tagout—Energy control procedures
4. 1910.133(a)(1)—Personal protective equipment—Eye and face protection—General requirements
5. 1910.147(c)(6)(i)—Lockout/tagout—Periodic inspection—Annual inspection of energy control procedure
6. 1910.1200(e)(1)—Hazard communication—Written program
7. 1910.212(a)(3)(ii)—Machine guarding—General requirements—Point of operation guarding
8. 1910.1200(h)(1)—Hazard communication—Training
9. 1910.147(c)(7)(i)(A)—Lockout/tagout—Training and communication—Authorized employees
10. 1910.178(l)(1)(i)—Powered industrial trucks—Operator training—Ensure operator competency