

**N.C. Department of Labor
Occupational Safety and Health Division
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**Top 25 Most Frequently Cited “Serious” Violations
Construction Standards**

Standard Violated	Total Violations	Serious Violations	Serious Percent	Willful Violations	Repeat Violations	Other Violations	Brief Description
1926.501(b)(13)	276	235	85	1	40	0	Fall protection—Residential construction—Employees protected 6 feet or more above lower level
1926.102(a)(1)	170	154	91	0	14	2	Personal protective equipment—Eye and face protection—General
1926.503(b)(1)	131	83	63	0	8	40	Fall protection—Written certification of training
1926.1053(b)(1)	81	77	95	0	3	1	Ladders—Use—Must extend 3 feet above landing or be properly secured to access upper landing
1926.100(a)	72	69	96	0	2	1	Personal protective equipment—Head protection— General requirements
1926.20(b)(2)	64	62	97	0	2	0	General safety and health provisions— Accident prevention— Frequent and regular inspections by competent person
1926.503(a)(1)	43	42	98	0	1	0	Fall protection—Training program
1926.1053(b)(13)	35	33	94	0	0	2	Ladders—Use—Top step not used as a step
1926.1153(c)(1)	27	26	96	0	0	1	Silica - Specified exposure control methods - The employer shall fully and properly implement the engineering controls, work practices, and respiratory protection specified for the task on Table 1, unless the employer assesses and limits employee exposure
1926.501(b)(1)	25	23	92	0	2	0	Fall protection—Unprotected sides and edges— Employees protected 6 feet or more above lower level
1926.451(e)(1)	24	23	96	0	0	1	Scaffolds—Access by various means—Scaffold platforms more than 2 feet above or below a point of access
1926.652(a)(1)	22	21	95	1	0	0	Excavations—Protection of persons in excavations
1926.451(f)(3)	21	20	95	0	0	1	Scaffolds—Scaffold components—Inspection by competent person
1926.501(b)(10)	19	19	100	0	0	0	Fall protection—Low-slope roofs— Employees protected 6 feet or more above lower level
1926.1051(a)	19	18	95	0	0	1	Stairways and ladders—Stairway or ladder provided where break in elevation of 19 inches or more
1926.451(g)(1)(vii)	18	18	100	0	0	0	Scaffolds—Fall protection—Employees protected by personal fall arrest/guardrail system
1910.1200(h)(1)	23	17	74	0	1	5	Hazard communication—Information and training
1926.1060(a)	17	17	100	0	0	0	Stairways and ladders—Training program
1926.451(c)(2)	17	16	94	0	0	1	Scaffolds—Criteria for supported scaffolds—Poles, legs, posts, frames, and uprights shall bear on base plates and mud sills or other adequate firm foundation
1926.20(b)(1)	16	16	100	0	0	0	General safety and health provisions—Accident prevention program
1910.1200(g)(8)	30	15	50	0	1	14	Hazard Communication—Safety data sheets—Copies of safety datasheets maintained and readily accessible in each workplace
1926.451(b)(1)	15	15	100	0	0	0	Scaffolds—Platform construction—Each platform must be fully planked or decked
1926.451(g)(4)(i)	15	15	100	0	0	0	Scaffolds—Guardrail systems—Installed on open sides and ends of platforms
1910.1200(e)(1)	18	14	78	0	1	3	Hazard communication—Written program
1926.1053(b)(4)	18	14	78	0	0	4	Ladders—Use—Used for the purpose for which designed

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General Industry Standards**

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1910.212(a)(1)	82	82	100	0	0	0	Machine guarding—Types of guarding
1910.147(c)(4)(i)	68	62	91	3	3	0	Control of hazardous energy—Lockout/tagout—Energy control procedures
1910.147(c)(6)(i)	46	45	98	0	1	0	Control of hazardous energy—Lockout/tagout— Periodic inspection at least annually
95.129(01)	36	35	97	1	0	0	General Duty Clause
1910.212(a)(3)(ii)	27	26	96	0	1	0	Machine guarding—Point of operation guarding
1910.147(c)(7)(i)(A)	26	25	96	0	1	0	Control of hazardous energy—Lockout/tagout— Authorized employee training on hazard recognition
1910.215(b)(9)	21	20	95	0	0	1	Machine guarding—Abrasive wheel machinery— Exposure adjustment
1910.147(c)(1)	17	17	100	0	0	0	Control of hazardous energy—Lockout/tagout—Energy control program
1910.212(b)	17	16	94	0	0	1	Machine guarding—Anchoring fixed machinery
1910.147(c)(7)(i)	16	16	100	0	0	0	Control of hazardous energy—Lockout/tagout—Employee training
1910.1200(h)(1)	68	15	22	0	0	53	Hazard communication—Information and training
1910.178(l)(1)(i)	15	15	100	0	0	0	Powered industrial trucks—Operator training
1910.215(a)(4)	15	15	100	0	0	0	Machine guarding—Abrasive wheel machinery—Work rests
1910.219(c)(2)(i)	15	15	100	0	0	0	Mechanical power-transmission power—Guarding apparatus—Guard horizontal shafting
1910.303(g)(2)(i)	19	14	74	0	0	5	Electrical—Live parts 50 volts or more shall be guarded
1910.133(a)(1)	14	14	100	0	0	0	Personal protective equipment—Eye and face protection— General requirements
1910.219(d)(1)	13	13	100	0	0	0	Mechanical power-transmission apparatus—Pulleys— Guarding
1910.219(f)(3)	13	13	100	0	0	0	Mechanical power transmission apparatus-- Sprockets/chains enclosed
1910.134(e)(1)	23	11	48	0	1	11	Personal protective equipment—Respiratory protection— Medical evaluation
1910.266(i)(7)(i)	12	11	92	0	0	1	Logging operations—Employee training—First Aid
1910.132(a)	11	11	100	0	0	0	Personal protective equipment—General requirements— Provided, used and maintained when necessary
1910.147(c)(7)(i)(B)	11	11	100	0	0	0	Control of hazardous energy—Lockout/tagout— Employee training—Use of the energy control procedure
1910.212(a)(5)	11	11	100	0	0	0	Machine guarding—Blades less than seven (7) feet above working level shall have openings no larger than one-half (½) inch.
1910.1200(e)(1)	68	10	15	0	0	58	Hazard communication—Written program
1910.242(b)	11	10	91	0	1	0	Hand and portable power tools—Compressed air for cleaning—Chip guard and personal protective equipment with pressure reduced to 30 psi

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**Top 10 Most Frequently Cited “Serious” Violations
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1910.212(a)(1)	6	6	100	0	0	0	Machine guarding—Types of guarding
1910.147(c)(4)(i)	4	4	100	0	0	0	Control of hazardous energy—Lockout/tagout—Energy control procedures
1910.151(c)	4	4	100	0	0	0	Medical and first aid—Eyewash and emergency showers—Suitable facilities for quick drenching or flushing of eyes and body
NCGS 95-129(1)	4	4	100	0	0	0	General Duty Clause
1910.1030(g)(2)(ii)(B)	3	3	100	0	0	0	Bloodborne pathogens—Annual training
1910.133(a)(1)	3	3	100	0	0	0	Personal protective equipment—Eye and face protection—General requirements
1910.215(a)(4)	3	3	100	0	0	0	Machine guarding—Abrasive wheel machinery—Work rests
1910.215(b)(9)	3	2	67	0	0	1	Machine guarding—Abrasive wheel machinery—Exposure adjustment
1910.134(f)(2)	2	2	100	0	0	0	Respiratory protection—Fit testing
1910.147(c)(6)(i)	2	2	100	0	0	0	Control of hazardous energy—Lockout/tagout—Periodic inspection at least annually