

**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	Willful Violations	Repeat Violations	Other Violations	Brief Description
1926.501(b)(13)	314	269	0	45	0	Fall Protection - Residential construction - Employees protected 6 feet or more above lower level
1926.102(a)(1)	169	153	0	14	2	Personal protective equipment - Eye and face protection - General
1926.503(b)(1)	165	105	0	9	51	Fall protection - Written certification of training
1926.1053(b)(1)	108	103	0	5	0	Ladders - Use - Must extend 3 feet above landing or be properly secured to access upper landing
1926.100(a)	89	84	0	5	0	Personal protective equipment - Head protection - General requirements
1926.20(b)(2)	46	41	0	3	2	General safety and health provisions— Accident prevention— Frequent and regular inspections by competent person
1926.1053(b)(13)	45	41	0	4	0	Ladders - Use - Top step not used as a step
1926.503(a)(1)	35	35	0	0	0	Fall protection—Training program
1926.1053(b)(4)	35	29	0	0	6	Ladders—Use—Used for the purpose for which designed
1926.20(b)(1)	19	19	0	0	0	Accident prevention responsibilities - Employer responsibilities to initiate and maintain such programs
1926.501(b)(10)	18	17	0	1	0	Fall protection—Low-slope roofs— Employees protected 6 feet or more above lower level
1926.1060(a)	17	17	0	0	0	Training requirements - Program shall be provided to employees using ladders and stairways
1926.501(b)(11)	15	15	0	0	0	Fall protection - Steep roofs - Unprotected sides and edges - Employee protected 6 feet or more above lower level
1926.451(g)(1)	14	13	0	1	0	Fall protection - Scaffold erectors and dismantlers - Employees protected 10 feet or more above lower level
1926.501(b)(1)	14	13	0	1	0	Fall protection—Unprotected sides and edges— Employees protected 6 feet or more above lower level
1926.451(g)(1)(vii)	13	13	0	0	0	Fall protection - Employee shall be protected by the use of personal fall arrest systems and guardrail systems
1926.451(b)(2)	13	12	0	0	1	Scaffolds - Scaffold platform and walking shall be at least 18 inches wide
1926.652(a)(1)	12	12	0	0	0	Excavations—Protection of persons in excavations
1926.1051(a)	13	11	0	0	2	Stairways and ladders—Stairway or ladder provided where break in elevation of 19 inches or more
1926.1153(c)(1)	12	11	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
1926.21(b)(2)	11	11	0	0	0	Employer responsibility - Recognition and avoidance of unsafe conditions
1926.451(f)(3)	10	10	0	0	0	Use - Scaffolds and components shall be inspected for defects
95.129(01)	10	10	0	0	0	General Duty Clause
1926.552(a)(1)	9	9	0	0	0	General requirements - Comply with the manufacturer's specifications and limitations to the operation of all hoists and elevators
1926.651(c)(2)	9	9	0	0	0	Means of egress from trench excavations - Located in trench excavations that are 4 feet or more in depth to require no more than 25 feet of lateral travel for employees

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General Industry Standards**

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1910.212(a)(1)	78	74	1	3	0	Machine guarding—Types of guarding
1910.147(c)(4)(i)	55	51	1	3	0	Control of hazardous energy - Lockout/tagout - Energy control procedures
95.129(01)	39	38	1	0	0	General Duty Clause
1910.147(c)(6)(i)	38	36	0	1	1	Control of hazardous energy—Lockout/tagout—Periodic inspection at least annually
1910.147(c)(7)(i)(A)	27	26	0	1	0	Control of hazardous energy—Lockout/tagout—Authorized employee training on hazard recognition
1910.215(b)(9)	23	23	0	0	0	Machine guarding—Abrasive wheel machinery - Exposure adjustment
1910.212(a)(3)(ii)	20	19	1	0	0	Machine guarding—Point of operation guarding
1910.147(c)(1)	18	18	0	0	0	Control of hazardous energy—Lockout/tagout—Energy control program
1910.215(a)(4)	18	18	0	0	0	Machine guarding—Abrasive wheel machinery—Work rests
1910.219(c)(2)(i)	16	16	0	0	0	Mechanical power-transmission power—Guarding apparatus—Guard horizontal shafting
1910.28(b)(1)(i)	16	16	0	0	0	Unprotected sides and edges - Employee protected from falling 4 feet or more above lower level
1910.242(b)	17	15	0	0	2	Compressed air used for cleaning - Except when reduced to less than 30 p.s.i.
1910.219(c)(4)(i)	15	15	0	0	0	Projecting shaft ends - Present smooth edge shall not project more than one-half the diameter unless guarded by nonrotating caps or safety sleeves
1910.133(a)(1)	15	13	0	0	2	General requirements - Employer shall ensure employees use appropriate eye or face protection
1910.219(d)(1)	14	13	0	1	0	Mechanical power-transmission apparatus—Pulleys— Guarding
1910.1200(h)(1)	33	12	0	0	21	Hazard communication—Information and training
1910.178(l)(1)(i)	14	12	0	1	1	Safe operation - Industrial truck operator's are competent to operate safely
1910.219(f)(3)	12	12	0	0	0	Mechanical power transmission apparatus--Sprockets/chains enclosed
1910.1200(e)(1)	51	11	0	0	40	Hazard communication—Written program
1910.132(a)	11	11	0	0	0	General requirements - Application - Personal protective equipment
1910.1200(g)(8)	37	9	0	0	28	Safety data sheets - Maintain copies for each hazardous chemical in the workplace
1910.134(e)(1)	25	8	0	0	17	Personal protective equipment—Respiratory protection— Medical evaluation
1928.110(c)(2)(i)	9	8	0	1	0	Toilet and handwashing facilities - Must be provided for each twenty employees
1910.147(c)(4)(ii)	8	8	0	0	0	Energy control procedure - Clearly and specifically outline all techniques to be utilized for the control of hazardous energy
1910.219(e)(3)(i)	8	8	0	0	0	Vertical and inclined belts - Belts should be enclosed by a guard

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**Top 10 Most Frequently Cited “Serious” Violations
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Standard Violated	Total Violations	Serious Violations	Willful Violations	Repeat Violations	Other Violations	Brief Description
1910.215(b)(9)	9	9	0	0	0	Guarding of abrasive wheel machinery - Exposure adjustment
1910.215(a)(4)	4	4	0	0	0	Machine guarding—Abrasive wheel machinery— Work rests
1910.1200(g)(8)	12	3	0	0	9	Safety data sheets - Maintain copies for each hazardous chemical in the workplace
1910.178(l)(4)(iii)	4	3	0	0	1	Refresher training and evaluation - Industrial truck operator's performance shall be conducted at least once every three years
1910.132(d)(1)	3	3	0	0	0	Hazard assessment and equipment selection - Employer shall assess the workplace to determine if hazards are present
1910.212(a)(1)	3	3	0	0	0	Machine guarding—Types of guarding
1910.1200(f)(6)(ii)	6	2	0	0	4	Labels and other forms of warning - Workplace labeling - Provide general information regarding the hazards of the chemicals
1910.101(b)	3	2	0	0	1	Compress gases - All compressed gases in cylinders, portable tanks, rail tank cars, or motor vehicle cargo tanks shall be in accordance with Compressed Gas Association
1910.1200(e)(1)(i)	3	2	0	0	1	Written hazard communication program - A list of hazard chemicals referenced on the appropriate safety data sheet
1910.134(c)(1)	3	2	0	0	1	Respiratory protection program - Employer is required to develop and implement a written respiratory protection program with worksite-specific procedures and elements for required respirator use