

Will you be surprised when someone says: OSHA is here?

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) keeps records not only of the most frequently cited standards overall, but also within particular industries. Recent statistics from OSHA reveal the top standards cited in the fiscal year 2015 for the wood product manufacturing industry. This top 10 list comprises establishments that manufacture wood products, such as lumber, plywood, veneers, wood containers, wood flooring, wood trusses, manufactured homes (i.e., mobile homes) and prefabricated wood buildings.

DESCRIPTION OF VIOLATION	CITED STANDARD NUMBER	ACV*
1. Control of Hazardous Energy (Lockout/Tagout) – Following minimum performance requirements for unexpected start-up of machines or equipment	29 CFR 1910.147	\$1,891
2. Hazard Communication – Properly transmitting information on chemical hazards	29 CFR 1910.1200	\$468
3. Powered Industrial Trucks – Ensuring safety of employees on powered trucks	29 CFR 1910.178	\$1,214
4. Mechanical Power-transmission Apparatus – Following requirements on power-transmission belts and the maintenance of equipment	29 CFR 1910.219	\$2,006
5. Wiring Methods, Components and Equipment for General Use – Using proper wiring techniques and equipment to ensure safe electrical continuity	29 CFR 1910.305	\$944
6. Woodworking Machinery Requirements – Following requirements for the handling and safe use of woodworking machinery.	29 CFR 1910.213	\$1,416
7. General Requirements for All Machines – Providing proper machine guarding	29 CFR 1910.212	\$2,438
8. Occupational Noise Exposure – Following requirements for noise protection	29 CFR 1910.95	\$1,457
9. General Electrical Requirements – Ensuring equipment is free from hazards	29 CFR 1910.303	\$1,480
10. Respiratory Protection – Properly administering a respiratory protection program	29 CFR 1910.134	\$446

OSHA published the first inflation adjustment on **July 1, 2016**. It became effective **Aug. 1, 2016, an 80% increase**. Beginning Jan. 15, 2017, OSHA will publish annual increases every January the Act is in effect.

*ACV - represents the **Average Cost Per Violation** employers in this industry paid in 2015. To understand the full capacity of each standard, click on the standard number to visit www.osha.gov and view the language in its entirety.