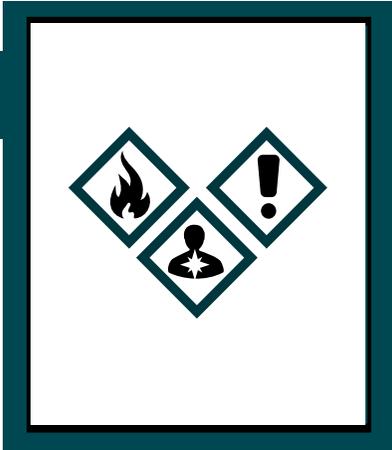




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## OSHA Top 10 Most Frequent Cited Violations

**OSHA's "Top 10"** list provides employers with valuable insight into not only where they may be cited but also where there is a high potential for a workplace incident. It is important to recognize that many injuries and fatalities are preventable. The list varies very little each year, making it good to refresh employees annually and mitigate injuries.

## HAZARD COMMUNICATION

Hazardous chemicals must have labels that list information about the hazards of the chemical, proper handling, and what to do in the event of an emergency. As part of the hazard communication standard, labels on chemical containers from manufacturers and secondary transfer containers must have specified information. This information includes supplier information, product identifiers, pictograms, signal words, hazard statements, and precautionary statements.

### Hazard Communication Program

More than five-hundred thousand chemical products are on the market today, and hundreds of new ones are introduced each year. To reduce or eliminate the chance of injury or illness from handling chemicals at work, always follow the product manufacturer's rules and your organization's Hazard Communication Program. Your program needs to include the following:

- A list of all hazardous chemicals at the workplace.
- Operations in your work area where hazardous chemicals are present.
- Training on hazardous materials in the workplace.
- Safety data sheets (SDSs) for all onsite chemicals both received and produced.
- Procedures to ensure that all containers of hazardous chemicals in the work area are labeled with the identity of the chemicals and the appropriate hazard warnings.

### Proper Training for Your Hazard Communication Program

- Specific hazards of the chemical you are working with.
- Proper work practices, personal protective equipment, and other controls necessary to reduce or eliminate your exposure to the chemicals.
- Methods you can use to detect the presence or release of hazardous chemicals.
- Signs of overexposure as well as emergency and first-aid procedures to follow.
- An understanding of SDSs and product labels.

*Remember, the products you use warrant respect and need to be handled correctly. Be sure you know how to use them safely.*

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