

OSHA Lists Most Frequently Violated Standards for General Industry

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In scanning the massive printout of violations issued by OSHA, the most frequently cited standard for **General Industry** for fiscal year 2003 came as no surprise. Once again, it was:

1. **Hazard Communication** (1910.1200), with 7,009 violations and \$1,327,425 in penalties. This was up from 6,951 violations in fiscal year 2002, which had \$1.24 million in adjusted penalties.
2. **Control of Hazardous Energy, Lockout/Tagout** (1910.147) moves up a slot with 4,681 violations and \$4,209,707 in penalties.
3. **Respiratory Protection** (1910.134) was down one place from last year with 4,130 violations and \$1,216,059 in penalties.
4. **General Requirements for Machines** (1910.212) had 3,495 violations and \$3,783,595 in penalties and switched places with:
5. **Electrical: Wiring Methods, Components, and Equipment for General Use** (1910.305) with 3,211 violations and \$1,312,460 in penalties.

Rounding out the top 10 most violated standards in General Industry were:

6. **Powered Industrial Trucks (1910.178) 2,858 violations and \$1,788,139 in penalties**
7. **Bloodborne Pathogens** (1910.1030) Up from 9th place, with 2,508 violations and \$1,272,355 in penalties.
8. **Electrical Systems Design, General Requirements** (1910.303), with 2,303 violations and \$1,293,720 in penalties.
9. **Mechanical Power-Transmission Apparatus** (1910.219) 2,281 violations and \$114,932 in penalties.
10. **Personal Protective Equipment General Requirements** (1910.132), with 1,883 violations and \$1,313,152 in penalties.

Numbers 6 and 10 held the same rank as last year, while 7, 8 and 9 switched around.