



# Tennessee OSHA Recurring Issues



Tennessee OSHA improves occupational safety and health through enforcement of the general industry, construction and agricultural occupational safety and health standards in workplaces. Below are Tennessee recurring issues. If you need help with OSHA compliance, Scientific Sales is here to help you.

## 1

### Hazard Communications

It is imperative that all hazardous substances are clearly marked in your facility. Chemicals are “health hazards” that include carcinogens, toxic or highly toxic agents, reproductive toxins, irritants, corrosives, sensitizers, hepatotoxins, etc. which damage the lungs, skin, eyes, and mucous membranes. Avoid the harmful effects associated with hazcom and order your product today.



## 2

### Respirators

Respirators protect the user in two basic ways. The first is by the removal of contaminants from the air. Respirators of this type include particulate respirators, which filter out airborne particles, and air-purifying respirators with cartridges/canisters which filter out chemicals and gases. Other respirators protect by supplying clean respirable air from another source. Respirators that fall into this category include airline respirators, which use compressed air from a remote source, and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), which include their own air supply.



### 2019 Top 10 Willful Violations\*

	STANDARD	TOTAL VIOLATIONS
1	Fall Protection (1926.501)	164
2	Requirements for Protective Systems (1926.652)	31
3	Permit-Required Confined Spaces (1910.146)	28
4	Scaffolding (1926.451)	17
5	Lockout/Tagout (1910.147)	14
6	Machine Guarding (1910.212)	13
7	Specific Excavation Requirements (1926.651)	12
8	Asbestos (1926.1101)	11
9	Respiratory Protection (1910.134)	9
10	Fall Protection – Training Requirements (1926.503)	8

## 3

### Confined Space Markings

To an untrained individual, confined spaces pose a real threat. Avoid hazards at the workplace by only allowing entry to people with permits and trained personnel. Do it safely with an OSHA approved sign.



\*OSHA defines a “willful” violation as one “committed with an intentional disregard of or plain indifference to the requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Act and requirements.”

## 4

### Lock Out / Tag Out System

Keep workers safe when servicing or maintaining equipment by implementing controls of hazardous energy. A lockout/tagout program alerts employees to dangers to life and limb. Consult 29 CFR 1910.147 to read the required components of a workplace program and recommendations on best practices and procedures. Lockout/tagout violations are the highest on OSHA’s 2014 list, so rely on NMC’s individual products and pre-assembled kits to ensure your facility is compliant.



## 5

### Arc Flash PPE Standards

Electricity has long been recognized as a **serious workplace hazard**, exposing employees to electric shock, electrocution, burns, fires, and explosions. Hundreds of deaths and **thousands of injuries** occur each year on the job due to **electrical shock** and **arc flash**, yet almost all of these tragic events are preventable.



## 6

### Fall Protection

The ABC’s of fall protection. A typical Personal Fall Arrest System (PFAS) incorporates three components, often described as the ABC’s of fall protection. The anchorage/ anchorage connector, body support and connecting device—when used together —form a complete system for maximum worker protection. But don’t forget the other important components of a comprehensive fall protection program: descent and rescue, education and fall protection for tools.



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