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## Top 10 OSHA Violations— don't let it be you! (Tue Tip)

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OSHA has published the top safety violations for 2010. There are two categories: (1) the top 10 standards for which OSHA most frequently gave Citations in fiscal year 2010; and (2) the top 10 standards for which OSHA assessed the highest penalties in fiscal year 2010.

The most **frequent** violations are:

1. Scaffolding
2. Fall protection
3. Hazard communication
4. Ladders
5. Respiratory protection
6. Control of hazardous energy (lockout/tagout)
7. Electrical, wiring methods, components and equipment
8. Powered industrial trucks

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9. Electrical systems design
10. Machine guarding

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The most **expensive** violations are:

1. Fall protection
2. Electrical
3. Safety training and education
4. Control of hazardous energy (lockout/tagout)
5. Machines
6. General duty clause
7. Excavations
8. Lead
9. Grain handling facilities
10. Ladders

Detail about the specific regulations which were violated, the OSHA requirements in these areas, and related materials can be found here [on the OSHA website](#). (Hat tip to [NC Construction News](#) for alerting me to OSHA's list).

OSHA violations can be costly— both in money, and in safety. Don't gamble with either!

**Now it's your turn:** Do you have an experience with OSHA violations that you think others should learn from? Let me know in the comments below or email me at [mbrumback@rl-law.com](mailto:mbrumback@rl-law.com).

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