OSHA Top 10 Most Cited Standards

FY2026 (preliminary, Oct 2025 - Aug 2026)

#	Violation	Standard	Max Penalty
1	Fall Protection - General Requirements	1926.501	$16,550
2	Hazard Communication	1910.1200	$16,550
3	Lockout/Tagout (LOTO)	1910.147	$16,550
4	Scaffolding	1926.451	$16,550
5	Ladders	1926.1053	$16,550
6	Respiratory Protection	1910.134	$16,550
7	Powered Industrial Trucks	1910.178	$16,550
8	Fall Protection - Training	1926.503	$16,550
9	Eye and Face Protection	1926.102	$16,550
10	Machine Guarding	1910.212	$16,550

Penalty tiers (2025 maximums, unchanged for 2026): Serious/Other: up to $16,550 per violation | Willful/Repeat: up to $165,514 per violation | Failure to Abate: $16,550/day
Source: osha.gov/penalties; 91 FR 31358 (May 27, 2026). Ranking: osha.gov/top10citedstandards, FY2026 preliminary.

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