



OSHA® Enforcement Activity

OSHA enforcement activity is on the rise and so are penalties for non-compliance. Following are just a few examples:

2 managers were sentenced to probations and ordered to pay fines for conspiracy to obstruct justice in an OSHA fatality investigation The U.S. District Court for the Northern District of OHIO has sentenced 2 former managers from Extrudex Aluminum's plant after each plead guilty to conspiracy to obstruct justice charges [READ MORE...](#)

A newspaper publisher was cited and fined \$145,858 after a worker's finger was amputated The U.S. Dept. of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has cited BH Media Group for \$145,858 [READ MORE...](#)

A chemical manufacturer in penalties after a plant explosion resulted in four fatalities The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Cited AB Specialty Silicones LLC [READ MORE..](#)

A fencing company was fined \$370,298 after repeatedly exposing workers to amputation hazards when using machinery The U.S. Department of Labor's OSHA has again cited Aruvil International Inc. [READ MORE...](#)

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What's Up with MEWP's

The guidelines that regulate the use of Mobile Elevated Work Platforms (MEWPs), such as boom and scissor lifts are changing.



Equipment technology has evolved over the years and the ANSI A92 Standard that governs MEWP's has evolved too. It was last updated in 2006. These new changes, effective December 2019, will impact the design, safe use and training requirements.

Specific sections that are changing include: A92.20 (Design), A92.22 (Safe Use), and A92.24 (Training).

Changes impacting design include wind ratings, chassis angle and load capacity. These changes fall squarely on the manufacturer.

However, the other changes (Safe Use and Training) will impact the employer who operates MEWP's, rental companies and those who supervise employees operating these machines.

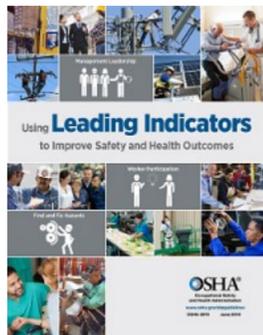
Check out the article in ISHN Magazine by Rick Smith for more information. [View Article](#)

Safety Reports is evaluating these changes and will update our checklists in the coming weeks.

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