



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

**OSHA Announces \$3,148,452 In Coronavirus Violations** Since the start of the coronavirus pandemic through Nov. 12, 2020, OSHA has issued 232 citations arising from inspections for violations relating to coronavirus, resulting in proposed penalties totaling \$3,148,452. [Read More...](#)

**OSHA Returns to Normal Enforcement Operations Following Hurricane Sally** OSHA has resumed normal enforcement operations in the coastal counties of Alabama and the westernmost portion of the Florida panhandle following Hurricane Sally. [Read More...](#)

**Auto Parts Manufacturer Agrees to Add Safety Policies** On Nov. 9, 2020, ALJoon LLC – operating as Ajin USA of Cusseta – was sentenced after entering a plea of guilty to a charge of willful violation of an OSHA standard. The company will pay a \$500,000 fine and \$1,000,000 in restitution. [Read More...](#)



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**Small Business Recognized for Safety** MetalQuest becomes the 11th Nebraska business to earn Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP) recognition. [More Info](#)

**Partnership to Protect Workers** OSHA has signed a strategic partnership with Choate Construction Co. and the AGC of Georgia. [More Info](#)

**Workplace Safety** Businesses dealing with shortages of Respirators and Fit-Testing Supplies. [More Info](#)

**Winter Weather** Resources to help businesses and their workers prepare for winter weather. [More Info](#)

New guidance provides compliance assistance for frequently cited standards related to **COVID-19 inspections**. [More Info](#)

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### Checklist Updates

We are constantly working to keep our checklists updated to the most current standards. And, with that in mind, we've made several changes over the past few weeks that we thought you should know about:

We added two new categories to our **CalOSHA Construction Checklist** to include: **Dust, Fumes & Mists** and **Laser Safety**. We also added new questions to our existing categories on **First Aid/Medical Services** and **Respiratory Protection**.

In addition to changes to our CalOSHA Construction Checklist, we also made several updates and additions to our **DOT-FMCSA Checklist**.

Lastly, we added a **Passenger Auto Inspection** template to our Scan App. You can place a QR code on your vehicle, scan it and conduct your Daily Vehicle Report using your smartphone or tablet!

### A Case for Documenting Inspections

Did you know that OSHA requires employers to provide for "frequent and regular inspections of the job site" [reference 29 CFR 1926.20(b)(2)]?

Compliance is certainly an important reason why we do inspections.

But, of course, OSHA compliance shouldn't be the only reason. More importantly, inspections help us to identify and mitigate unsafe conditions that, if left unchecked, could ultimately lead to employees performing unsafe acts.

Reducing the frequency of unsafe acts will lead to a reduction in the frequency of serious incidents.



There are numerous other reasons why inspections are important and we've outlined them in the attached article. [Read More](#)

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