Work Area Best Practices Stats and Facts



FACTS

- 1. The most common OSHA violation is fall protection in construction.
- 2. Fatal falls account for 17.2% of fatal workplace injuries, representing a 26-year high, and about a quarter of these falls occur from heights of 10 feet or less.
- 3. Falls at any height are dangerous. "Falls on the same level" (e.g., tripping) are the second most common cause of workplace injuries. (The most common they found is overexertion)
- 4. The second most common OSHA violation is inadequate or otherwise non-compliant hazard communication in general industry. More businesses need to do a better job of communicating with their employees about workplace hazards.
- 5. Non-fatal accidents are also incredibly common. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics report that private industry employers reported nearly 3 million non-fatal workplace injuries in 2016.
- 6. Most workplace injuries and illnesses are under-reported.

STATS

- Thousands of people die from injuries sustained at work every year. In 2016, the number was 5,190. In 2017, it was 5,147.
- A total of 5,333 workers died from a work-related injury in the U.S. in 2019, up 2 percent from the 2018 total of 5,250. The fatal work injury rate was 3.5 fatalities per 100,000 full-time equivalent (FTE) workers, which was the rate reported in 2018.
- In 2019, the rate of nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses among private industry employees was 2.8 cases per 100 full-time equivalent workers. Private industry workers incurred 2.8 million injuries or illnesses in 2019, unchanged from 2018.
- The report shows that 97% of workers have at least one workplace fatigue risk factor and more than 80% have two or more.
- Research shows 13% of workplace injuries can be attributed to fatigue, a dangerous by product of a society that operates 24 hours a day.
- Sixty percent to 80% of workplace accidents are attributed to stress, and it's estimated that more than 80% of doctor visits are due to stress.
- OSHA reports that there is an average of 12 work-related fatalities throughout the United States every day.
- Falls: Approximately 36.5% of all deaths in the workplace occurred due to employees falling.

- Struck by an Object: An estimated 10.1% of deaths occurred due to swinging, falling, or misplaced objects.
 Electrocutions: About 8.6% of employees died due to electrocution.