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Sept 10, 2019

#### Area Director

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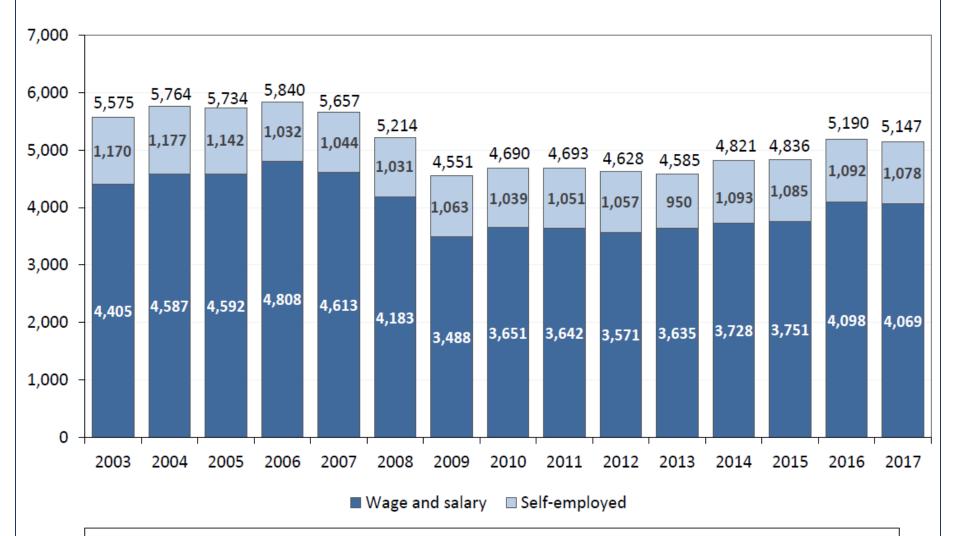
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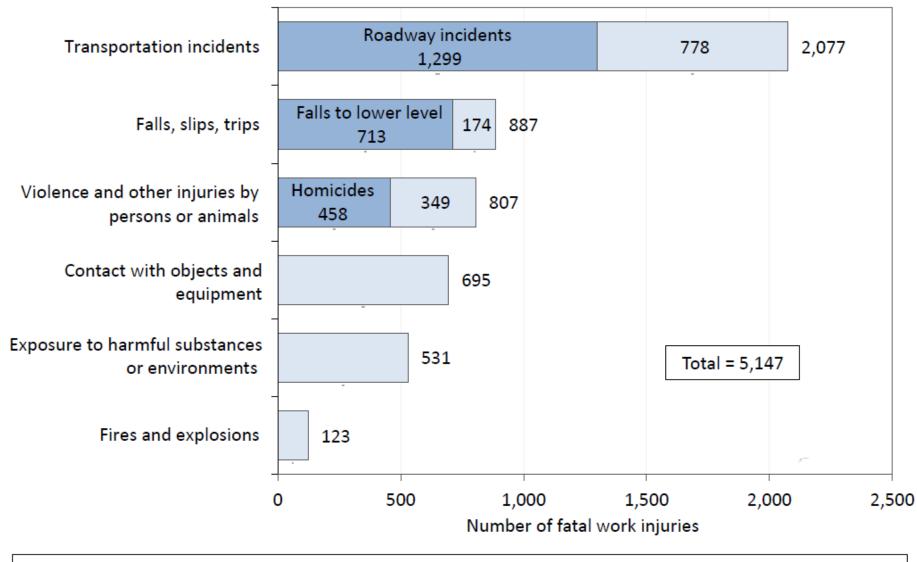
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#### Number of fatal work injuries by employee status, 2003–17



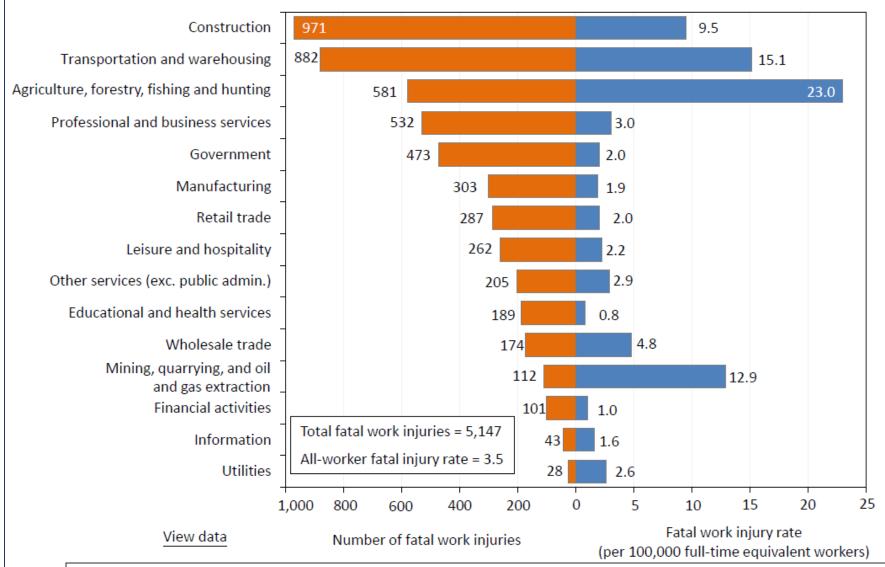
- A total of 5,147 workers died from an occupational injury in 2017.
- This number decreased by 1 percent from 2016.
- Self-employed workers have consistently accounted for around one-fifth of fatal work injuries.

### Fatal occupational injuries by major event, 2017



- More fatal work injuries resulted from transportation incidents than from any other event in 2017.
- Roadway incidents alone accounted for about one out of every four fatal work injuries.

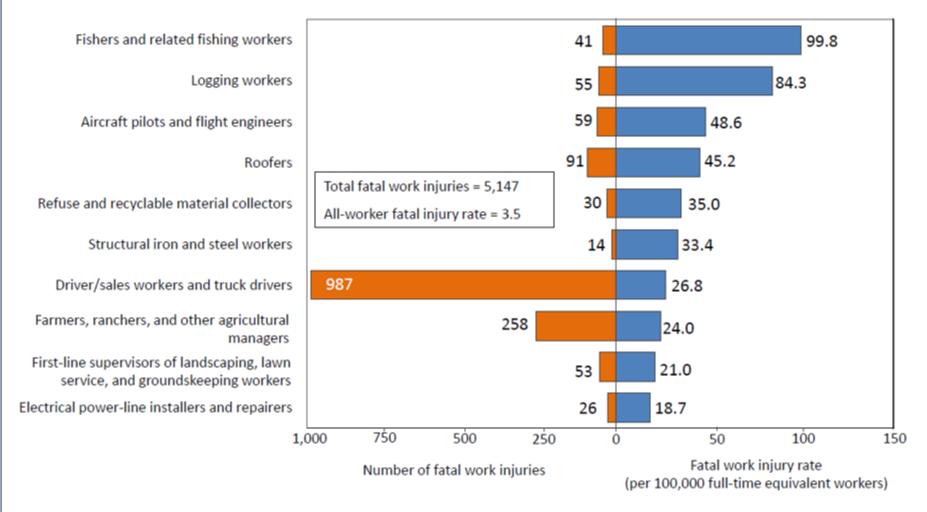
### Number and rate of fatal work injuries by industry sector, 2017



• Private construction had the highest count of fatal injuries in 2017, but the private agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting sector had the highest fatal work injury rate.

Note: Fatal injury rates exclude workers under the age of 16 years, volunteers, and resident military. The number of fatal work injuries represents total published fatal injuries before the exclusions. For additional information on the fatal work injury rate methodology, please see <a href="http://www.bls.gov/iif/oshnotice10.htm">www.bls.gov/iif/oshnotice10.htm</a>.

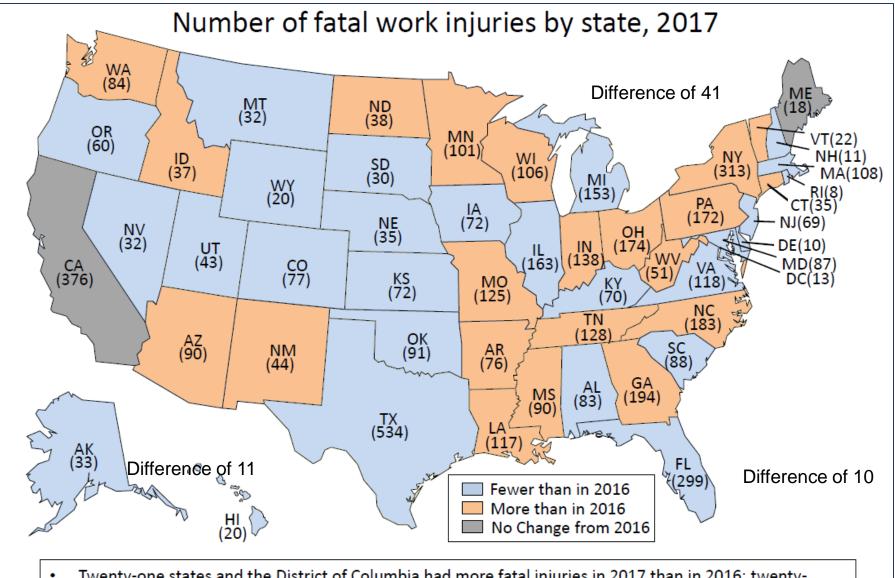
#### Civilian occupations with high fatal work injury rates, 2017



- Fishers and related fishing workers and logging workers had the highest published rates of fatal injury in 2017.
- Driver/sales workers and truck drivers incurred the greatest number of fatal injuries.

#### View data

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 Twenty-one states and the District of Columbia had more fatal injuries in 2017 than in 2016; twentyseven states had fewer. California and Maine had the same total for both years.

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To Assure So Far as Possible Every Working Man and Woman in the Nation Safe and Healthful Working Conditions...



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### Florida Offices - CY 18 Fatalities



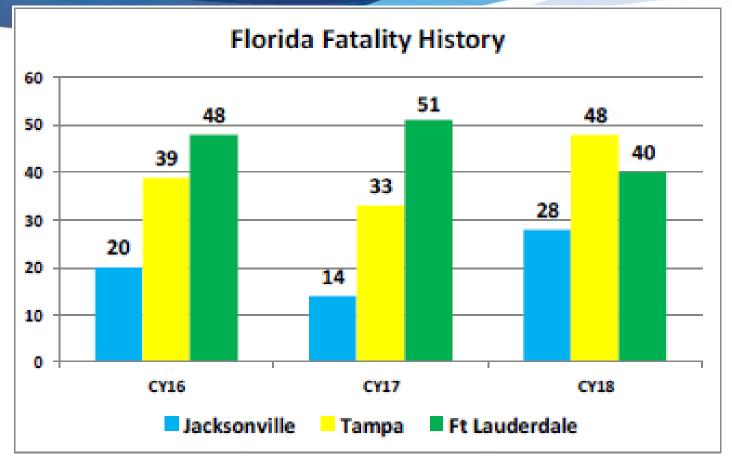
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01/01/2018 thru 12/30/2018

# Florida Offices - CY 18 Fatalities





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# Florida Offices - CY 18 Fatalities (cont.)

### FATALITIES BY INDUSTRY SECTORS

CONSTRUCTION (236115-238990)	50%
Majority occurred in the Specialty Trade Contractors	
GENERAL INDUSTRY (423220-811310)	23%
NON MANUFACTURING	
GENERAL INDUSTRY (321911-336611)	12%
MANUFACTURING	
LAWN AND GARDEN CARE (561730)	9%
AGRICULTURE (111219-115115)	3%
Agricultural Production Crops	
LANDSCAPE/WASTE DISPOSAL (541320–562111)	3%



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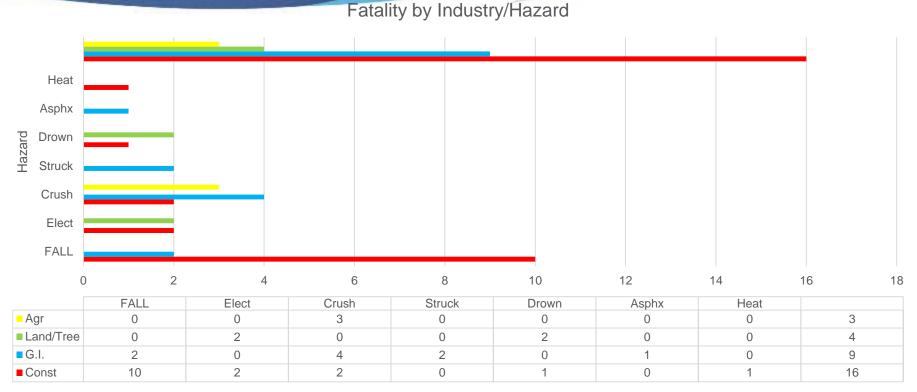
# Florida Offices - CY 18 Fatalities (cont.)

	CON- STRUCT ION	LAWN AND GARDEN CARE	LANDSCAP- ING AND WASTE COLLECT	AGRIC- ULTURE	GENERAL INDUSTRY MFG	GENERAL INDUSTRY NON MFG
FALLS	19	2	3	0	3	12
STRUCK-BY	15	4	0	1	4	8
ELECTRICAL SHOCK	8	3	0	2	1	1
CAUGHT-IN	5	0	1	0	0	1
DROWNINGS	2	1	0	0	2	2
EXPLOSIONS	3	0	0	0	2	0
ASPHYXIATION	3	0	0	0	0	0
HEAT EXHAUSTION	1	0	0	0	1	0
WORKPLACE VIO-	0	0	0	0	0	1
OTHER	2	0	0	0	1	2
You can search OSHA's accident database on-line at: <u>www.osha.gov/pls/imis/accidentsearch.html</u> .Don't know your industry code? Search here: <u>www.osha.gov/pls/imis/sicsearch.html</u> OR						

Search here: www.osna.gov/pis/imis/sicsearch.ntml
http://www.census.gov/eos/www/naics/



# Fatalities: 1/1/19 – 9/9/ 2019



Total (32)

■Agr ■Land/Tree ■G.I. ■Const



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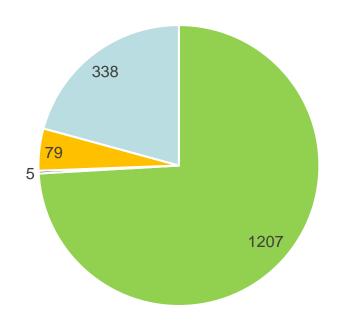
### Penalties

### Department of Labor Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Annual Adjustments for 2019

Type of Violation	New Maximum Penalty
Serious Other-Than-Serious Posting Requirements	\$13,260 per violation
Failure to Abate	\$13,260 per day beyond the abatement date
Willful or Repeated	\$132,598 per violation

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# Violations Issued - FY 19 (YTD)

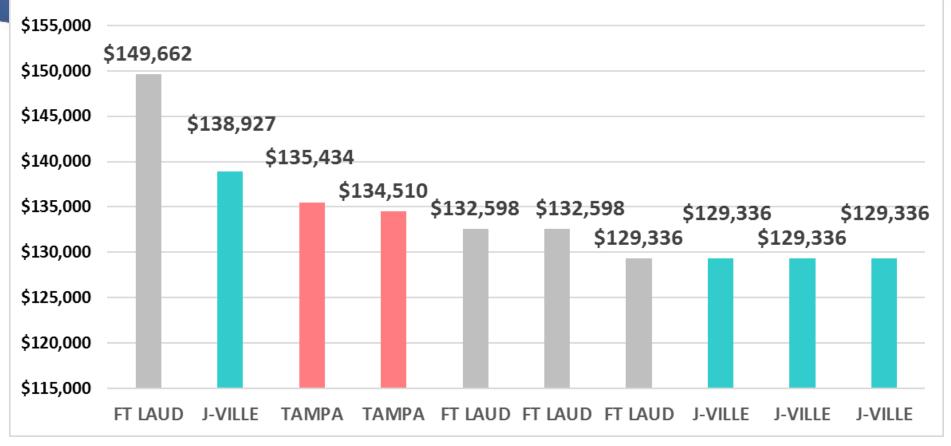


Violations By Classification





#### CY 2018 - TOP 10 PENALTIES ISSUED IN CONSTRUCTION IN FLORIDA - BY AREA OFFICES





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# **ALL SECTORS CY 2018**

JACKSONVILLE	TAMPA	FT LAUDERDALE			
1926.501(b)(13)	1926.501(b)(13)	1926.501(b)(13)			
1926.102(a)(1)	OSH ACT of 1970	1926.501(b)(1)			
	Section (5)(a)(1)				
1926.1053(b)(1)	1926.503(b)(1)	1926.453(b)(2)(v)			
1076 157(h)(7)(v)	1010 1200(0)(1)	1010, 1200(a)(1)			
1920.455(DJ(2J(V)	1910.1200(6)(1)	1910.1200(e)(1)			
1910.1200(e)(1)	1904.39(a)(2)	1926.503(a)(1)			
OSH ACT of 1970 Section (5)(a)(1)	1910.212(a)(1)	1910.1200(h)(1)			
1926.503(a)(1)	1926.1053(b)(1)	1926.451(b)(1)			
1926.20(b)(1)	1910.1200(h)(1)	1926.1053(b)(1)			
1926.100(a)	1926.503(a)(1)	1910.1200(g)(8)			
1926.501(b)(10)	1910.157(c)(1)	OSH ACT of 1970 Section (5)(a)(1)			
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### **AGRICULTURE SECTOR - CY 2018**

FLORIDA	JACKSONVILLE	ТАМРА	<b>FT LAUDERDALE</b>	
OSH ACT of 1970	1926.100(a)	OSH ACT of 1970	1903.19(d)(1)	
Section (5)(a)(1)	1920.100(a)	Section (5)(a)(1)	1903.19(0)(1)	
1910.147(c)(1)	1926.102(a)(1)	1904.39(a)(2)	1910.1200(e)(1)	
1904.32(b)(3)	1926.453(b)(2)(v)	1904.32(b)(3)	1910.132(d)(1)	
1904.39(a)(2)		1910.132(a)	1910.133(a)(2)	
1910.132(a)		1910.147(c)(1)	1910.147(c)(1)	
1910.132(d)(1)		1910.147(c)(4)(i)	1928.51(c)(4)	
1910.133(a)(2)		1910.147(c)(4)(ii)(D)		
1910.147(c)(4)(i)		1910.147(c)(6)(ii)		
1910.147(c)(4)(ii)(D)		1910.147(c)(7)(i)(A)		
1910.147(c)(6)(ii)		1910.147(d)(3)		



## **CONSTRUCTION - CY 2018**

FLORIDA	JACKSONVILLE	TAMPA	FT LAUDERDALE
1926.501(b)(13)	1926.501(b)(13)	1926.501(b)(13)	1926.501(b)(13)
1926.501(b)(1)	1926.102(a)(1)	OSH ACT of 1970 Section (5)(a)(1)	1926.501(b)(1)
1926.1053(b)(1)	1926.1053(b)(1)	1926.503(b)(1)	1926.453(b)(2)(v)
1926.453(b)(2)(v)	1910.1200(e)(1)	1910.1200(e)(1)	1910.1200(e)(1)
1926.503(a)(1)	1926.453(b)(2)(v)	1904.39(a)(2)	1926.503(a)(1)
1926.102(a)(1)	OSH ACT of 1970 Section (5)(a)(1)	1910.212(a)(1)	1910.1200(h)(1)
1926.451(b)(1)	1926.503(a)(1)	1926.1053(b)(1)	1926.451(b)(1)
1926.501(b)(10)	1926.20(b)(1)	1910.1200(h)(1)	1926.1053(b)(1)
1926.20(b)(1)	1926.501(b)(10)	1926.503(a)(1)	1910.1200(g)(8)
1910.1200(e)(1)	1910.178(l)(1)(i)	1910.157(c)(1)	OSH ACT of 1970 Section (5)(a)(1)



## **GENERAL INDUSTRY - CY 2018**

FLORIDA	JACKSONVILLE	ТАМРА	FT LAUDERDALE
1910.1200(e)(1)	1910.1200(e)(1)	OSH ACT of 1970 Section (5)(a)(1)	1910.1200(e)(1)
OSH ACT of 1970 Section (5)(a)(1)	OSH ACT of 1970 Section (5)(a)(1)	1910.212(a)(1)	1910.1200(h)(1)
1910.212(a)(1)	1910.178(l)(1)(i)	1910.1200(e)(1)	OSH ACT of 1970 Section (5)(a)(1)
1910.1200(h)(1)	1910.134(c)(1)	1904.39(a)(2)	1910.134(k)(6)
1904.39(a)(2)	1910.212(a)(1)	1910.157(c)(1)	1910.67(c)(2)(v)
1910.178(l)(1)(i)	1910.28(b)(1)(i)	1910.1200(h)(1)	1910.212(a)(1)
1910.1200(g)(1)	1910.1200(h)(1)	1910.134(c)(2)(i)	1910.134(c)(2)(ii)
1910.151(c)	1910.133(a)(1)	1910.132(d)(2)	1910.151(c)
1910.67(c)(2)(v)	1910.147(c)(1)	1910.178(l)(4)(iii)	1910.1200(g)(8)
1910.134(c)(1)	1904.39(a)(2)	1910.215(a)(4)	1910.132(a)



## MARITIME - CY 2018

FLORIDA	JACKSONVILLE	ТАМРА	FT LAUDERDALE
<b>OSH ACT of 1970</b> <b>Section (5)(a)(1)</b>	1910.212(a)(1)	OSH ACT of 1970 Section (5)(a)(1)	1910.1200(e)(1)
1910.1200(f)(6)(ii)	1910.303(b)(2)	1910.1200(f)(6)(ii)	1910.1200(f)(6)(ii)
1910.212(a)(1)	1915.56(e)	1910.178(l)	1910.1200(h)(1)
1910.212(b)	OSH ACT of 1970 Section (5)(a)(1)	1910.212(b)	1910.1200(g)(8)
1910.213(d)(1)	1910.133(a)(1)	1910.213(m)(1)	1910.132(a)
1910.215(b)(9)	1910.133(a)(5)	1910.22(a)(2)	1910.132(d)(1)(i)
1910.303(b)(2)	1910.134(I)(1)	1910.303(g)(1)	1910.134(c)(1)
1910.303(g)(1)	1910.178(l)(1)(ii)	1910.36(d)(1)	1910.134(c)(2)(ii)
1915.56(e)	1910.179(g)(1)(v)		1910.134(e)(1)
1904.39(a)(1)	1910.212(b)		1910.134(f)(2)



# **FLAO Enforcement Activity**

- 4 Significant Cases (Penalties > \$180K)
- Press Releases Approximately 24
- SVEP four Employers
- Follow-up Inspections 13\*



# FLAO Activity – Compliance Assistance

- Alliance with NUCA
- 3 Strategic Partnerships (looking for more)
- VPPs Odebrecth, FPL (2 sites) & 1 more
- Outreach Activities Labor Rights Week, Fall Stand-down, Heat Injury & Illness, Safe & Sound, Worker Memorial Day, Training, OSHA updates, and many others.



# **Criteria for SVEP**

- Fatality with 1 or more W/R/F related-citation
- Two or more W/R/F based on high Emphasis hazards
- Three or more W/R/F related to PSM
- All Egregious cases
  - High Emphasis Falls, Excavations, Amputation,
     Combustible Dust, Silica, lead, Shipbreaking, PSM



# National Emphasis Programs

### **Combustible Dust**

- Amputations
- Hexavalent Chromium
- Lead
- Primary Metals
- PSM

SST

Trenching and Excavation



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# **Regional Emphasis Programs**

### Falls

- Maritime
- Sanitation
- Overhead Powerline
- Noise
- Landscape
- Powered Industrial Trucks
- Lead

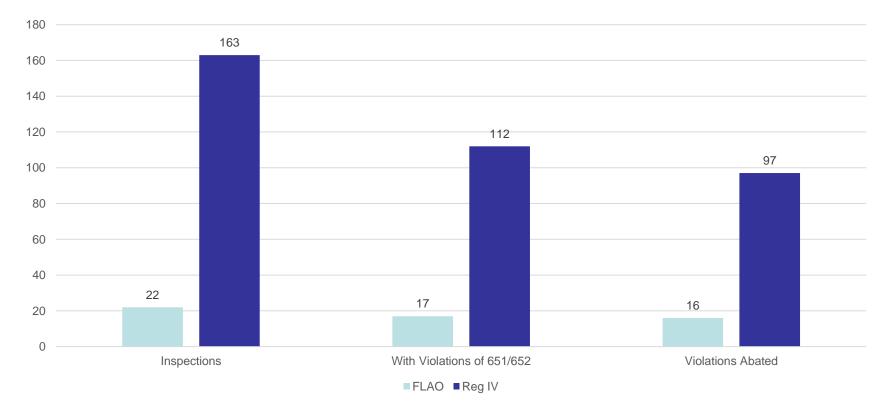


# **Area Office Focus**

- Falls /Construction
- Heat Stress
- Landscape Electrocution
- Excavation

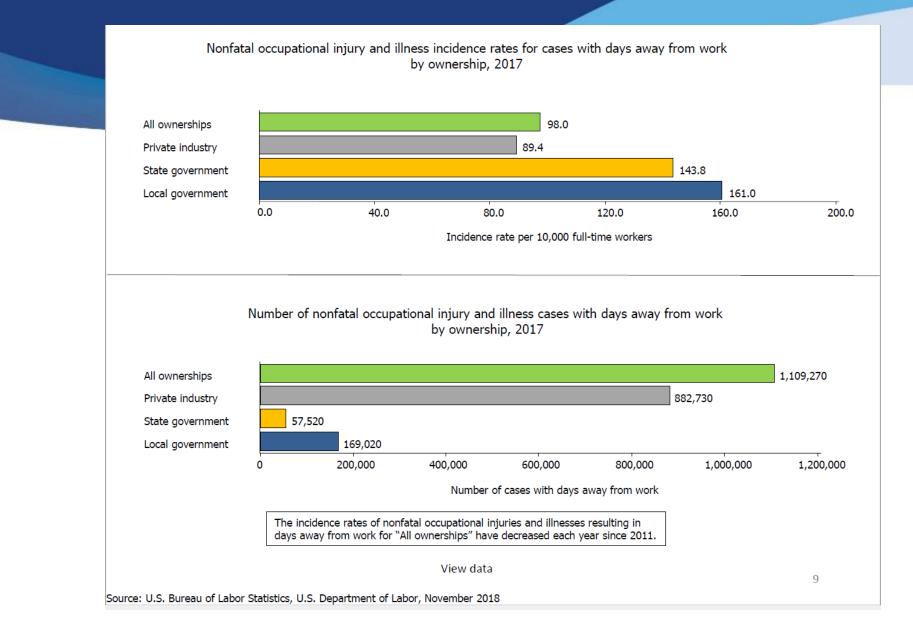


# **Trenching & Excavation – Insp. (YTD)**



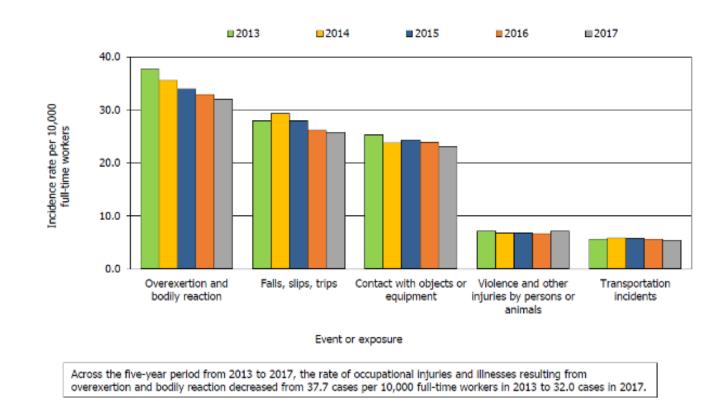


# Non-Fatal Injury & Illness - Ownership



# Non-Fatal Injury & Illness - Event

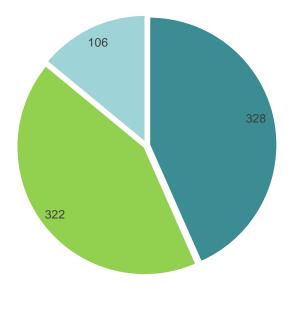
Nonfatal occupational injury and illness incidence rates for cases with days away from work by selected event or exposure, all ownership, 2013-17



View data

# **Employer Reported Incidents FY 19 (YTD)**

#### **Employer Reported Incidents**



Received Valid Inspected



# Complaints Received – FY 19 (YTD)

Complaints Received FY 19 (YTD)





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# **OSHA's Mission**

- Some of the things OSHA does to carry out its mission are:
  - developing job safety and health standards and enforcing them through worksite inspections,
  - maintaining a reporting and recordkeeping system to keep track of job-related injuries and illnesses, and
  - providing training programs to increase knowledge
     about occupational safety and health.

# **Safety and Health Program**

- Every workplace should have a safety and health program that includes:
  - management leadership
  - worker participation
  - a systematic approach to finding and fixing hazards.



# Why?

- Injuries and illnesses cost the worker and their family pain and suffering.
- Injuries and illnesses cost the worker and their family money.
- Injuries and illnesses prevent the worker and their family from saving and planning for the future.
- Injuries and illnesses cost the company money.
- Mistakes cost money.
- Low productivity cost money.
- Employee turn-over cost money.



# What's the Problem?

Safety Program not the problem

The Problem is the management system that drives the process and the behavior of the organization



# **Safety Culture**

- Advisory Committee on the Safety of Nuclear Installations (ACSNI)
  - "The safety culture of an organization is the product of individual and group values, attitudes, perceptions, competencies and patterns of behavior that determine the commitment to, and the style and proficiency of, an organization's health and safety management."



# What is your definition?

It's the way we do things around here!

Employees should be more careful!

Safety is a cost, and our number one priority is to avoid extra costs!



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#### **Does Your Safety Culture Definition Include**

- The extent to which individuals and groups will commit to:
  - personal responsibility for safety
  - act to preserve safety
  - enhance and communicate safety concerns
  - strive to actively learn
  - adapt and modify behavior based on lessons learned from mistakes
  - be rewarded in a manner consistent with these values.



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#### Why Is It So Difficult To Change The Safety Culture?

- Habits
- Self-interest
- Misunderstanding
- Different perception of the situation
- Low tolerance to change
- Low capacity for change
- Can you make the change in one day? OSHA



### For Change To Occur

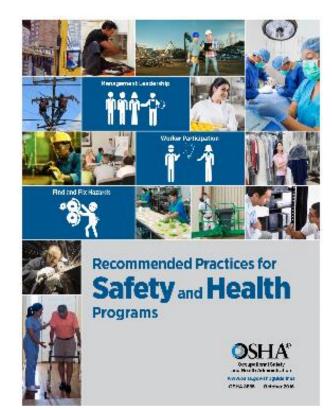
- Driving forces must exceed the restraining forces
- Take advantage of company and outside news
- Make small changes not to trigger opposite reaction
- If one is not motivated, change will not occur
- What motivates or doesn't motivate you?

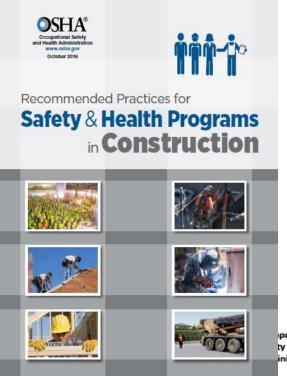


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#### Updated OSHA Safety and Health Program Management Guidelines

<u>https://www.osha.gov/shpmguidelines</u>





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#### **Seven Core Elements**

- Management leadership
- Worker participation
- Hazard identification and assessment
- Hazard prevention and control
- Education and training
- Program evaluation and improvement
- Multi-employer communication and coordination



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### **Management Leadership**

- Establish a written policy signed by top management.
- Communicate the policy to all workers and others such as subcontractors, temporary workers, labor unions, suppliers and vendors.
- Define attainable, realistic program goals and expectations.
- Plans to obtain goals.



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# **Worker Participation**

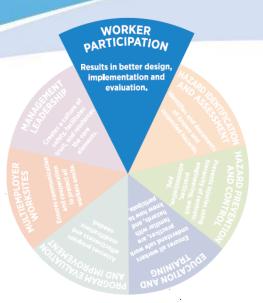
- Encourage workers to report safety and health concerns.
- Encourage workers to participate to
  - Develop the program.
  - Report hazards and develop solutions.
  - Analyze hazards in each step of routine and non-routine jobs, tasks, and processes.
  - Define/document safe work practices.
  - Conduct site inspections.
  - Develop and revising safety procedures.
  - Participate in incident and close call/near miss investigations.
  - Serve as trainers for current coworkers and new hires.
  - Develop, implement, and evaluate training programs.





## **Worker Participation**

- Give workers information they may need to understand
  - Safety Data Sheets.
  - Injury and illness data
  - Results of environmental exposure monitoring conducted in the workplace.
  - Chemical and equipment manufacturer safety recommendations.
  - Workplace inspection reports.
  - Incident investigation reports.
  - Workplace job hazard analyses.





### **Hazard ID and Assessment**

- Collect and review information about the hazards likely to be present in the workplace.
- Periodically inspect the workplace to identify new or recurring hazards.
- Investigate injuries, illnesses, incidents, and close calls/near misses to identify the underlying hazards.
- Identify and address any trends in injuries, illnesses, and hazard reports.
- Consider hazards associated with emergency or non-routine situations.
- Determine the severity and likelihood of incidents that could result from each hazard identified and use this information to prioritize corrective actions.



### **Hazard ID and Assessment**



Identifies and documents all known and suspected hazards.

- Inspect the workplace for hazards
- Routine, before changing workflows, making major organizational changes, or introducing new equipment, materials,

or processes and other planned changes.

- Use checklists that highlight things to look for.
  - Chemical agents
  - Physical agents
  - Equipment operation
  - Fire protection
  - Work and process flow

- Biological agents
- General housekeeping
- Equipment maintenance
- Fall protection
- Work practices
- Lack of emergency procedures Ergonomic issues



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# **Hazard Prevention and Control**

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- Identify and evaluate options for controlling hazards.
- Use a hazard control plan to guide the selection and implementation of controls.
- Develop plans with measures to protect workers during emergencies.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of controls to determine whether additional or different controls may be more effective. New technologies may be more protective, reliable, or less costly to operate.

### **Make Safety Personal**

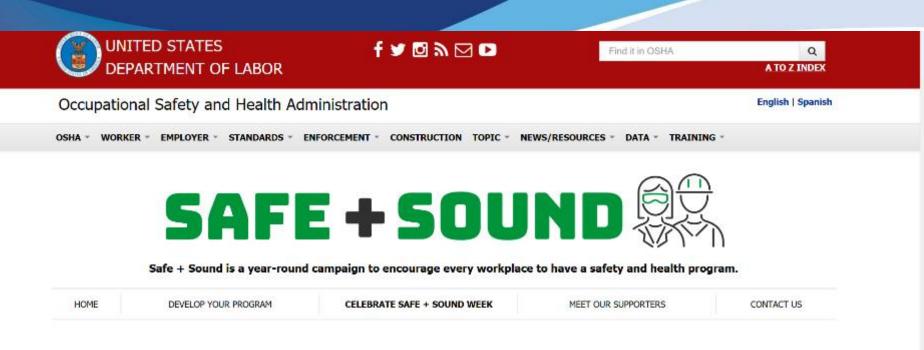
- Bulletin boards
- Wallet cards
- Station frames
- Let me help you with that, I don't want anyone to get hurt
- At the end of the day, we want you to go home to see your family, to do the things that you enjoy



#### So How Do You Get Started?



# Safe & Sound Campaign



#### Join us for Safe + Sound Week, August 12-18, 2019

Safe + Sound Week is a nationwide event to celebrate the successes of businesses that have implemented safety and health programs in the workplace. Throughout the year, businesses show their commitment to safety by focusing on management leadership, worker participation, and a systematic approach to finding and fixing hazards in workplaces. Each August we invite them to celebrate their safety successes and efforts to be #SafeAndSoundAtWork.

#### Why Participate?

Safe workplaces are sound businesses. Successful safety and health programs can proactively identify and manage workplace hazards before they cause injury or illness, improving sustainability and the bottom line. Participating in Safe + Sound Week can help get your program started or energize an existing one.

#### SAVE THE DATE





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Who Participates?

# **OSHA's Cooperative Services**

- Alliance Program
- Strategic Partnership Program
- Compliance Assistance
- Consultation Services
- SHARP
- Voluntary Protection Program (VPP)
- OTI & and OTI-Education Centers
- Publications, Posters, etc.



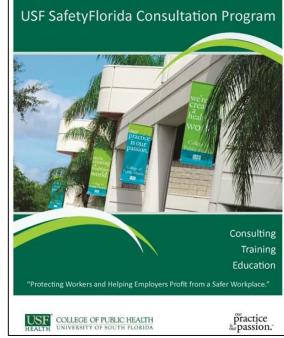


## On-Site Consultation Program

- Free, confidential advice to small sized businesses
- Priority to high-hazard worksites
- Separate from enforcement
- No penalties or citations
- Employers may qualify for a one-year exemption from routine inspections

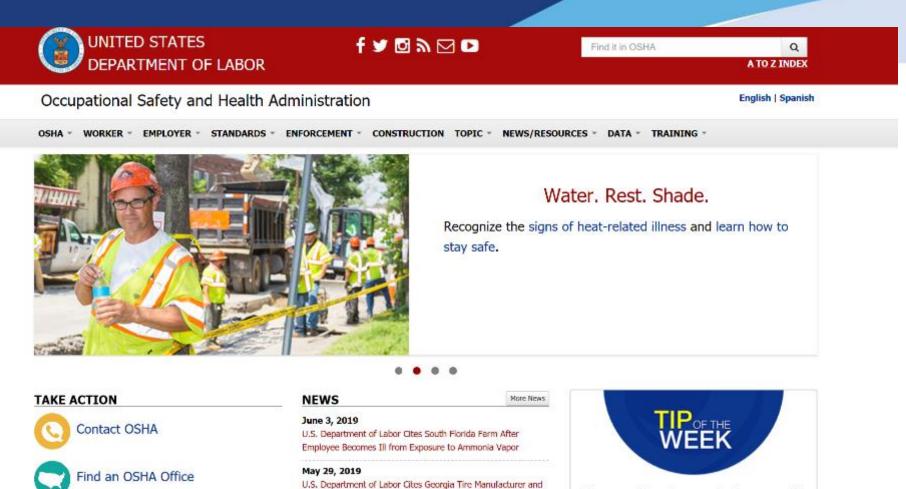
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Contractors for 22 Safety and Health Violations

Never block workplace exit



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#### QuickTakes

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#### TOP STORIES

#### OSHA Updates National Emphasis Program on Trenching and Excavation

OSHA has updated its National Emphasis Program (NEP) on preventing trenching and excavation collapses in response to a recent spike in trenching fatalities. Under the NEP, OSHA will increase its education and enforcement efforts; inspectors will record trenching and excavation inspections in a national reporting system; and each area office will develop outreach programs. The NEP began Oct. 1, with a three-month period of education and prevention outreach. For more information, read the news release.



#### Susan Harwood Training Grant Program



#### OSHA Awards \$9.3 Million in Safety and Health Training Grants

OSHA has awarded \$9.3 million in grants to 74 nonprofit organizations through the agency's Susan Hanvood Training Grants Program. The grants will provide educational and training programs to help workers and employers recognize workplace hazards, implement injury prevention measures, and understand their rights and responsibilities. Six organizations were awarded \$1.2 million in direct grants to train and protect workers involved in hurricane recovery activities. For more information, read the news release.

Regional Emphasis Program Focuses on Reducing Employee Exposure to Ammonium

OSHA launched a Regional Emphasis Program to address fertilizerorade ammonium nitrate and paricultural anhydrours ammonium



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#### Job Safety and Health IT'S THE LAW!

#### All workers have the right to:

- A safe workplace.
- · Raise a safety or health concern with your employer or OSHA, or report a workrelated injury or illness, without being retaliated against.
- Receive information and training on job hazards, including all hazardous substances in your workplace.
- Request an OSHA inspection of your workplace if you believe there are unsafe or unhealthy conditions. OSHA will keep your name confidential. You have the right to have a ... Provide required training to all workers in a representative contact OSHA on your behall.
- Participate for have your recreatentative participate) in an OSHA inspection and speak in private to the inspector.
- . File a complaint with OSHA within 30 days (by phone, online or by mail) if you have been retailated against for using your rights.
- See any OSHA citations issued to your employer.
- · Request copies of your medical records, tests that measure hazards in the workplace, and the workplace injury and illness log.

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#### Contact OSHA. We can help.

#### Employers must:

- · Provide employees a workplace free from recognized hazards. It is illegal to retaliate against an employee for using any of their rights under the law, including raising a health and safety concern with you or with OSHA, or reporting a work-related injury or illness.
- Comply with all applicable OSHA standards.
- · Report to OSHA all work-related fatalities within 8 hours, and all inpatient hospitalizations, amputations and losses of an eve within 24 hours.
- language and vocabulary they can understand.
- · Prominently display this poster in the workplace.
- · Post OSHA citations at or near the place of the alleged violations.

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