

2024 Announcements

**STAY SAFE AND ENJOY
THE HOLIDAY SEASON!
SEE YOU ALL IN 2025.**



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF
SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

New York City Chapter Newsletter December 2024



President's Message

Greetings Fellow NYC Chapter Members!

It is with great excitement that I say, "Happy Holidays fellow Safety Professionals!". 2024 has been a rewarding and educational experience as your Chapter President for me personally and professionally. ASSP NYC continues to champion our official recognition as a Platinum Chapter, due to the collaborative efforts of chapter leadership and your membership engagement!

I would like to take this opportunity to share our leading goals for the duration of the 2024-2025 Chapter year:

1. Fund the NYC Chapter Scholarship, created with the ASSP Foundation, and to support the Foundation causes. The NYC Chapter contributed \$30,000 to the ASSP Foundation to denote a legacy of impact in the safety profession!
2. Expand continuing education credit opportunities to increase diversity in membership engagement from fields including Risk Management, IT, Legal, Hospitality, Security, and Construction.
3. Partner with regional ASSP Chapters, Common Interest Groups and Organizations to promote professional collaboration and cross-functional networking.

NYC Chapter Leadership will continue to lead the charge in developing and implementing chapter goals and adding "Value" to you, the members. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Chapter Leader! Have a wonderful New Year!

Nikhailia Morgan-Irving



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Check out our website for Updates!

<https://www.nyc.assp.org/>

Keep up to date with ASSP

[For the Media \(assp.org\)](https://www.nyc.assp.org/)

Question or Suggestions email:

updates@nyc.assp.org

Upcoming ASSP NYC Chapter Meeting & Events

January

New Year Networking Event

Date/Time: TBD

Location: TBD

Virtual Chapter Meeting

Presented by Serge Roux: Maintaining Structural Safety

Date/Time: TBD

February

Annual PALMS Update Joint Meeting ASSP+ AIHA + SENY

Date/Time: TBD

Location: TBD

March

Chapter Joint Meeting

Date/Time: TBD

Location: TBD

Click the link below to relive and share your shuffleboard victories all over again!

[Electric Shuffle : Stories](#)

2024 CHAPTER EVENTS RECAP

SEPTEMBER NYC ASSP NETWORKING EVENT ELECTRIC SHUFFLE



OCTOBER HUDSON VALLEY PDC



LINKS AND EVENTS

<https://www.osha.gov/work-er-walkaround/final-rule>

<https://www.osha.gov/news/newsreleases/national/03292024>

NOVEMBER OSHA UPDATE MEETING

NEW OSHA Mission Statement

OSHA's mission is to assure America's workers have safe and healthful working conditions free from unlawful retaliation. OSHA carries out its mission by setting and enforcing standards; enforcing anti-retaliation provisions of the OSH Act and other federal whistleblower laws; providing and supporting training, outreach, education, and assistance; and ensuring state OSHA programs are at least as effective as federal OSHA, furthering a national system of worker safety and health protections."

FY 2023 The 10 OSHA Violations

Top 10 Violations: FY 2023

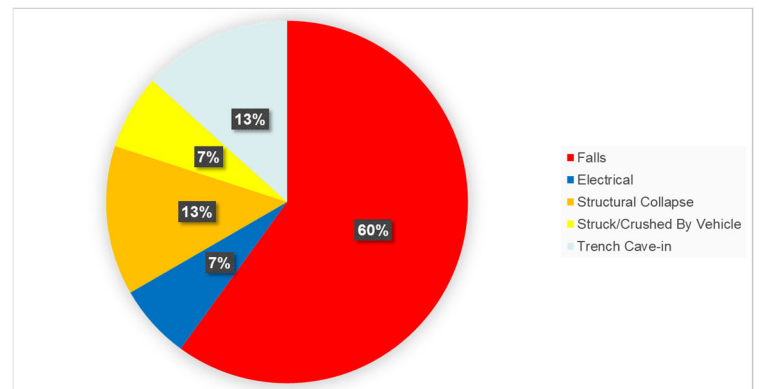
Most frequently cited OSHA standards during FY 2023 inspections:

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| 1. Fall Protection – General Requirements (1926.501) | 6. Lockout/Tagout (1910.147) |
| 2. Hazard Communication (1910.1200) | 7. Respiratory Protection (1910.134) |
| 3. Ladders (1926.1053) | 8. Fall Protection – Training Requirements (1926.503) |
| 4. Scaffolding (1926.451) | 9. Eye and Face Protection (1926.102) |
| 5. Powered Industrial Trucks (1910.178) | 10. Machine Guarding (1910.212) |

www.osha.gov/top10citedstandards



Construction Safety in New York City Calendar Year 2023 - Construction Fatalities by Type



Worker Walk Around Final Rule

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

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Final Rule Clarifies Employee Representation During OSHA Inspections

The Department of Labor today published a final rule clarifying the rights of employees to authorize a representative to accompany an OSHA compliance officer during an inspection of their workplace.

The Occupational Safety and Health Act gives both the employer and employees the right to authorize a representative to accompany OSHA officials during a workplace inspection. The final rule clarifies that, consistent with the OSH Act, workers may authorize another employee to serve as their representative or select a non-employee. For a non-employee representative to accompany the inspector into a workplace, they must be reasonably necessary to the conduct of an effective and thorough inspection.

Consistent with OSHA's historic practice, the rule clarifies that a non-employee representative may be reasonably necessary to the conduct of an effective and thorough inspection based upon skills, knowledge, or experience such as knowledge or experience with hazards or conditions in the workplace or similar workplaces, or language or communication skills. These revisions better align OSHA's regulation with the OSH Act and will enable the agency to conduct more thorough inspections. OSHA regulations require no specific qualifications for employer representatives or for employee representatives who are employees of the employer.

"Worker involvement in the inspection process is essential for thorough and effective inspections and making workplaces safer. The OSH Act gives employers and employees equal opportunity for choosing representation during the OSHA inspection process, and this rule returns us to the fair, balanced approach Congress intended." - Assistant Secretary for OSHA Doug Parker

About the Rule

- Final Rule
- Press Release
- Frequently Asked Questions

2023 Employer-Reported Workplace Injuries and Illnesses

<https://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/osh.pdf>

2023 Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries

<https://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/cfoi.pdf>

2023 Worker Injury and Illness Rates

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reported a total of 2.6 million nonfatal workplace injuries and illnesses, reflecting an 8.4 percent decrease compared to 2022. Workplace safety milestones were achieved in 2023, as private industry saw significant declines in both the number and rates of reported injuries and illnesses. The incidence rate of total recordable cases (TRC) dropped to 2.4 per 100 full-time equivalent (FTE) workers, down from 2.7 in 2022, marking the lowest TRC rate in the 20-year history of this data series. A drop of recordable cases also occurred in both the Construction (2.4 to 2.3) and Manufacturing (3.2 to 2.8) industries.

Illnesses saw a dramatic reduction, with an incidence rate of 19.0 cases per 10,000 FTE workers, compared to 45.2 in 2022. Respiratory illnesses accounted for much of this improvement, with rates declining from 35.8 to 9.5 cases per 10,000 FTE workers. Injuries also decreased, occurring at a rate of 2.2 cases per 100 FTE workers, down from 2.3 in the prior year. Nonfatal injuries and illnesses involving days away from work (DAFW) also declined by 20.1 percent in 2023, with 946,500 cases reported. These represented 62.0 percent of total cases involving days away from work, job restriction, or transfer (DART), occurring at a rate of 0.9 per 100 FTE workers, down from 1.2 in 2022. Additionally, 581,000 cases involved days of job transfer or restriction (DJTR), accounting for 38.0 percent of DART cases and occurring at a rate of 0.6 per 100 FTE workers.

The 2023 data highlights significant progress in reducing workplace injuries and illnesses, underscoring the effectiveness of safety measures and preventive strategies across industries. However, these statistics also serve as a reminder that many workplace incidents remain preventable with continued focus and investment in safety programs, training, and hazard mitigation. By prioritizing proactive measures, we can build on this progress and strive for even safer workplaces in the years to come.

National Safety Council

<https://www.nsc.org/road/safety-topics/impaired-driving>

<https://www.nsc.org/workplace/safety-topics/impairment?>

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

<https://www.trafficsafetymarketings.gov/safety-topics/drun-driving/drive-sober-or-get-pulled-over/winter-holidays>

<https://youth.gov/feature-article/december-national-impaired-driving-prevention-month>

Holiday Season Drunk Driving Campaign**December is National Impaired Driving Prevention Month**

This month is dedicated to raising awareness about the dangers of impaired driving, particularly focusing on driving under the influence of alcohol, drugs or other impairing substances. Encourage individuals to take steps to prevent impaired driving and promote safety on the roads.

Key points about National Impaired Driving Prevention Month include:

1. **Campaigns and Education:** Various organizations, including law enforcement, government agencies, and advocacy groups, run campaigns to educate the public about the dangers of impaired driving. These campaigns often highlight the risks of alcohol, drugs, and even prescription medication affecting a driver's ability to operate a vehicle safely.
2. **Increased Enforcement:** Law enforcement agencies typically ramp up efforts during this month, conducting sobriety checkpoints and increasing patrols to detect impaired drivers with a goal of reducing accidents, injuries, and fatalities caused by impaired driving.
3. **Prevention Strategies:** Use designated drivers, taxis, or rideshare services when drinking alcohol. It also emphasizes the importance of not driving under the influence of drugs, including marijuana, prescription medications, and over-the-counter drugs that can impair driving abilities.
4. **Holiday Season Focus:** December is a peak time for social gatherings and celebrations. This time of year makes the need for awareness about impaired driving even more urgent, as more people are on the roads for holiday travel and festivities.