**OSHA Releases Maximum Fines for 2019; Top Violations of 2018**

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) recently [published](https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-01-23/pdf/2019-00089.pdf) its maximum fines for jobsite violations for 2019, which go into effect for citations today, January 24, 2019.

Starting in 2016, OSHA has indexed its annual fine increases to inflation, specifically, the Consumer Price Index. Below are the updated fines for 2019.

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| **Type of Violation** | **Current Maximum Fine** | **New Maximum Fine (Jan. 24, 2019)** |
| SeriousOther-Than-SeriousPosting Requirements | $12,934 per violation | $13,260 per violation |
| Willful or Repeated | $129,336 per violation   | $132,598 per violation   |
| Failure to Abate | $12,934 per day | $13,260 per day beyond the abatement date |

Willful violations also carry a minimum fine of $9,472, which increased a few hundred dollars from 2018.

OSHA has also published the top 10 most frequently cited standards following inspections of worksites.

1. [Fall protection](https://www.osha.gov/laws-regs/regulations/standardnumber/1926/1926.501), construction
2. [Hazard communication standard](https://www.osha.gov/laws-regs/regulations/standardnumber/1910/1910.1200), general industry
3. [Scaffolding](https://www.osha.gov/laws-regs/regulations/standardnumber/1926/1926.451), construction
4. [Respiratory protection](https://www.osha.gov/laws-regs/regulations/standardnumber/1910/1910.134), general industry
5. [Control of hazardous energy (lockout/tagout)](https://www.osha.gov/laws-regs/regulations/standardnumber/1910/1910.147), general industry
6. [Ladders](https://www.osha.gov/laws-regs/regulations/standardnumber/1926/1926.1053), construction
7. [Powered industrial trucks](https://www.osha.gov/laws-regs/regulations/standardnumber/1910/1910.178), general industry
8. [Fall protection](https://www.osha.gov/laws-regs/regulations/standardnumber/1926/1926.503) – training requirements
9. [Machinery and machine guarding](https://www.osha.gov/laws-regs/regulations/standardnumber/1910/1910.212), general requirements
10. [Eye and face protection](https://www.osha.gov/laws-regs/regulations/standardnumber/1926/1926.102)