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National Emphasis Programs (NEPs) are temporary programs that focus OSHA's resources on particular hazards and high-hazard industries.

Existing and potential new emphasis programs are evaluated using inspection data, injury and illness data, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) reports, peer-reviewed literature, analysis of inspection findings, and other available information sources.

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## **OSHA Inspection Process Under NEP**

Inspections under the new NEP will begin after a 90-day outreach period; which is usually accomplished by a letter being sent out to all industries with North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) or Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes targeted by the emphasis program.

Outreach activities under this NEP will be continued quarterly thereafter and may include seminars, promotional materials, and the on-site consultation program.

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## **Fall Prevention/Protection**

- OSHA Instruction - CPL 03-00-025 - [National Emphasis Program - Falls](#) - 05/01/2023 - [PDF](#)

## **•Combustible Dust**

- OSHA Instruction - CPL 03-00-008 - [Revised Combustible Dust National Emphasis Program](#) - 01/30/2023 - [PDF](#)

## **Warehousing and Distribution Center Operations**

- OSHA Instruction - CPL 03-00-026 - [National Emphasis Program on Warehousing and Distribution Center Operations](#) - 07/13/2023 - [PDF](#)

## **Heat**

- OSHA Instruction - CPL 03-00-024 - [National Emphasis Program – Outdoor and Indoor Heat-Related Hazards](#) - 04/08/2022 - [PDF](#)

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## **Silica, Crystalline**

- OSHA Instruction - CPL 03-00-023 - [National Emphasis Program – Respirable Crystalline Silica](#) - 02/04/2020 - [PDF](#)

## **Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

- OSHA Direction - DIR 2021-03(CPL 03) - [Revised National Emphasis Program – Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#) - 07/07/2021 - [PDF](#)

## **Hazardous Machinery**

- OSHA Instruction - CPL 03-00-022 - [National Emphasis Program on Amputations in Manufacturing Industries](#) - 12/10/2019 - [PDF](#)

## **Trenching and Excavation**

- OSHA Instruction - CPL 02-00-161 - [National Emphasis Program on Trenching and Excavation](#) - 10/01/2018 - [PDF](#)

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

## OSHA INSTRUCTION

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

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**DIRECTIVE NUMBER: CPL 03-00-008**

**EFFECTIVE DATE: 01/30/2023**

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**SUBJECT: Revised Combustible Dust National Emphasis Program**

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### ABSTRACT

**Purpose:** This instruction contains policies and procedures for inspecting workplaces that generate or handle combustible dusts, and for determining whether such workplaces have addressed fire, flash fire, deflagration, and explosion hazards associated with combustible dusts. These dusts include, but are not limited to:

- metal dust such as aluminum, magnesium and some forms of iron dusts
- wood dust
- coal and other carbon dusts, including carbon black
- plastic dust, phenolic resins, and additives
- rubber dust
- biosolids
- other organic dust, such as sugar, flour, paper, soap, and dried blood
- certain textile materials

**Scope:** This instruction applies OSHA-wide.

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## II. Scope.

- A. This instruction applies OSHA-wide. All construction inspections related to falls will be conducted pursuant to this NEP.
  - B. For non-construction inspections, this NEP will target the following activities:
    - 1. Roof top mechanical work/maintenance
    - 2. Utility line work/maintenance (electrical, cable)
    - 3. Arborist/tree trimming
    - 4. Holiday light installation
    - 5. Road sign maintenance/billboards
    - 6. Power washing buildings (not connected to painting)
    - 7. Gutter cleaning
    - 8. Chimney cleaning
    - 9. Window cleaning
    - 10. Communication Towers
  - C. For other non-construction work activities where a worker is observed working at height, an inspection may be initiated upon approval by area office management.
  - D. If an inspection is not warranted after entering the site and observing work activities, the CSHO will conduct an outreach activity on fall protection and exit the site.
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# OSHA Hazard Focus in Construction

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"Our enforcement efforts are designed to do one thing: lead to permanent change in workplace safety," said Assistant Secretary for Occupational Safety and Health Doug Parker.

"This emphasis program allows OSHA to direct resources to establishments where evidence shows employers must be more intentional in addressing the root causes of worker injuries and align their business practices with the goal to ensure worker health and safety."



# Why Do OSHA Citations Matter?

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- Penalties
- Future Citations
  - Repeat Citations
  - Willful Citations
- Other Liabilities
  - Third Party Litigation
- Business Reputation
  - OSHA Press Releases
  - OSHA Establishment Search
  - Severe Violator Enforcement Program (SVEP)
  - Third Party Tracking Services
  - Response from Customers, Clients, Suppliers, Industry Organizations
- Criminal Liability (Will Discuss More Later)



# Current OSHA Penalties

- OSHA penalties increased to Consumer Price Index (CPI)

	<b><u>2024</u></b>
Other Than Serious	\$16,131
Serious	\$16,131
Willful	\$161,323
Repeat	\$161,323
Failure to Abate	\$16,131 per day

- Will be revised every following year

