

# QuickTakes

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## Tornado Recovery

OSHA has resources to [keep workers safe during tornado cleanup and recovery operations](#).



## Public Comment Periods Extended

- [ETS on COVID-19 vaccination and testing](#): Jan. 19, 2022.
- [Rulemaking on heat safety](#): Jan. 26, 2022
- [FACOSH member nominations](#): Jan. 31, 2022

## History of Violations

Dollar General was [fined again for putting workers at risk](#) after facing earlier penalties totaling \$3.3 million.



## General Duty Clause Violations

One of the nation's largest pork processors faces penalties for putting [essential workers at risk](#) by exposing them to repetitive motion injuries.

## Fall Protection Violations

A contractor was cited after [failing to provide lifesaving fall protection and training](#) that resulted in a worker fatality.





## Process Safety Management Violations

A refinery was cited for [failing to protect workers from hazardous chemicals](#) following oil and vapor releases and fiery flaring incidents.

Read about more OSHA [enforcement cases](#).

## Safety Achievement Recognition

OSHA's [On-Site Consultation Program](#) recognized a [North Dakota asphalt plant](#) where workers identified an unsafe trailer that was removed and replaced the same day.





## Alliances Promote Safety

- [Elevator Industry Safety Partners](#)
- [Roadway Work Zone Safety and Health Partners](#)

## Worker Protections

Visit [worker.gov](https://www.worker.gov) to get answers to workers' questions about safety, fair pay and equal treatment.



"What satisfies me the most about working at OSHA is knowing that I am helping people return home safely to their families every day."

- Yasmine D., PhD



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Workplace Safety Reminder: Activate safety features on sharps devices to protect workers from needlestick injuries. [osha.gov/sites/default/...](https://www.osha.gov/sites/default/...)

### 5 WAYS TO PREVENT SHARPS AND NEEDLESTICK INJURIES

- 1 Plan safe handling and disposal before any procedure.
- 2 Use safe and effective needle alternatives when available.
- 3 Activate the device's safety features.
- 4 Immediately dispose of contaminated needles in OSHA-compliant sharps containers.
- 5 Complete bloodborne pathogens training.



[osha.gov/sharps](https://www.osha.gov/sharps)

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## SAFETY Q&A



How can cold stress be prevented when working in winter weather?



**Cold stress** occurs by driving down the skin temperature, and eventually the internal body temperature. Workers should have appropriate personal protective equipment and dress appropriately, including dressing in layers. Employers should schedule heavy work during the warmer part of the day and assign workers to tasks in pairs so that they can monitor each other for signs of cold stress. See OSHA's [Cold Stress Guide](#) for more information on preventing, recognizing, and treating signs of cold stress.

**2022**



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Happy New Year!**

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