

QuickTakes

50SHA
Protecting America's Workforce

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Getting Workplaces Fully Vaccinated

On Sept. 9, President Biden announced that OSHA will begin working on a second Emergency Temporary Standard to [ensure that as many workers as possible can get vaccinated](#).





Grants Awarded

OSHA awarded 37 nonprofit organizations [more than \\$6.7 million in grants](#) to fund education and training programs on preventing the spread of infectious diseases in the workplace.

Labor Rights Agreement

The Department of Labor and the Mexican Embassy [renewed collaboration agreements](#) to protect the rights of Mexican workers in this country.





Farm Safety

Sept. 19-25 is [National Farm Safety and Health Week](#). We have resources to help protect workers from [agricultural hazards](#) such as tractor rollovers, grain engulfment, pesticide exposure, and heat illness.

Court Decision

A federal judge [upheld OSHA citations and penalties](#) for a contractor that repeatedly ignored fall protection safety requirements.



Fall Prevention Violations

A manufacturer was cited for [willfully exposing workers to fall hazards](#) that led to a worker's death.

General Duty Clause Violations

A transitional housing facility was fined after [11 workers tested positive for coronavirus](#).



Machine Guarding Violations

An automotive steel manufacturer was cited for exposing workers to [amputations and other hazards](#).

Whistleblower Protection

Two railroad employees were [reinstated and awarded more than \\$667,000](#) after being fired for reporting hazardous work conditions.



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

On-Site Consultation



Small Business Eliminates Hazards

A Colorado [granite manufacturer](#) eliminated silica, noise, and other hazards after requesting assistance from OSHA's [On-Site Consultation Program](#).

Alliances Aim to Improve Worker Safety

- [Connecticut Construction Industries Association](#)
- [Consulate of Mexico in Philadelphia](#)
- [Consulate of Mexico in Las Vegas](#)
- [Independent Electrical Contractors of New England](#)





Diver Safety

A [new OSHA Alert](#) details ways to protect workers during diving operations.

Social Media

Follow [@OSHA_DOL](#) on Twitter. For more safety and health resources and information, visit the U.S.

Department of Labor's social media accounts:

- [Facebook](#)
- [LinkedIn](#)
- [Instagram](#)



Times of uncertainty can add stress and anxiety that affect employees' mental health. If you're having trouble coping with work-related stress, talk with someone who can help:

📞 1-800-273-8255, para español 1-888-628-9454

💻 [SuicidePreventionLifeline.org/chat](#)

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SAFETY Q&A



What is an Emergency Temporary Standard?



OSHA issues an [emergency temporary standard \(ETS\)](#) under limited circumstances. The agency must determine that workers are exposed to a grave danger from new hazards or toxic substances or agents determined to be physically harmful and that an ETS is needed to protect them. Once published in the Federal Register, an ETS takes effect immediately and remains in effect until replaced by a permanent standard. The ETS also serves as a proposal for a permanent standard and is subject to the usual notice and comment rulemaking procedure for adopting a permanent standard except that it must be finalized within six months. State Plans are required to have an ETS that is at least as effective as an ETS issued by federal OSHA 30 days following publication. OSHA's newly published ETS to protect healthcare workers from COVID-19 is the first one issued in 38 years.

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