

QuickTakes

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Labor Rights Week

Across the country, events are being held to emphasize the rights of all workers in the U.S., regardless of their immigration status, to a safe and healthful workplace and full payment of wages earned. To learn more, visit the [Labor Rights Week website](https://www.dol.gov/LaborRightsWeek).





Suicide Prevention

[Safety stand-downs will be held during Suicide Prevention Week](#), Sept. 6-10, to combat a surge in construction worker suicides.

Amputation Stand-Down

During September, employers and workers in New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands are participating in a month-long series of virtual events to prevent workplace amputations. [Registration is free.](#)





Excavation Safety

[National Safe Digging Day](#) reinforced the need to call 8-1-1 before beginning excavation projects to prevent injuries and avoid damage to underground pipes and electrical lines.

Trenching Safety Violations

A contractor with an [extensive history of safety violations](#) faces \$1.3M in penalties after two workers died at a dig site.



Machine Guarding and Fall Prevention Violations

- A national supermarket chain was fined after a [worker suffered amputation injuries](#) at a milk packaging plant.
- A home manufacturing company was cited for [continuing to expose workers to falls](#) from unsafe scaffolding and ladders.

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

Small Business Eliminates Injuries

[A plastic parts manufacturer](#) worked with the Michigan [On-Site Consultation Program](#) to increase worker participation in safety planning and eliminate workplace injuries.



OSHA Safety Partnership

OSHA, Dimeo Construction, and the New Haven Building Trades union are partnering to enhance worker safety during [two Connecticut construction projects](#).



Alliances Aim to Improve Worker Safety

- [Alabama Trucking Association Worker's Compensation Fund](#)
- [Chippewa Valley Technical College](#)
- [International Dairy Foods Association](#)



FACT: OSHA recommends wearing masks and cloth face coverings at work to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. Learn more: osha.gov/coronavirus/fa...



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Job Openings

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SAFETY Q&A



What are my rights to a safe workplace?



Under federal law, your employer must keep your workplace free of known health and safety hazards. You have the right to speak up about hazards or file an OSHA complaint without fear of retaliation. You also have the right to receive workplace safety and health training in a language you understand, receive required safety equipment, request an OSHA inspection and speak to the inspector, and report an injury or illness. OSHA's [Worker Rights and Protections webpage](#) has more information on your rights and how to exercise them.

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