AS A NEW YEAR BEGINS, SAFETY+HEALTH OFFERS DATA TO HELP PAINT A PICTURE OF THE CURRENT SAFETY LANDSCAPE

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FALL PROTECTION – GENERAL REQUIREMENTS (1926.501) was OSHA’s most-cited standard in FY 2017, with 6,887 VIOLATIONS.

4,190
Number of unintentional injury-related worker fatalities recorded in 2015

The National Safety Council estimates that every week in 2015, 84,600 WORKERS were injured on the job.

The largest penalty OSHA issued to an employer in FY 2017 was $2.6 MILLION.

THE REGULATORY AGENDA PUBLISHED BY THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION IN AUGUST 2017 lists 14 OSHA regulations in three different stages:
• PRE-RULE
• PROPOSED RULE
• FINAL RULE

The fall 2016 agenda had 30.

The National Safety Council estimates that work-related injuries and deaths cost society about $142.5 MILLION every year.

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NEARLY 60% of respondents say they’ve personally observed a shortage of qualified occupational safety and health professionals.

In 2015, one worker died on the job every 125 MINUTES.

The three industries with the most work-related deaths are:

- **Construction**
- **Transportation and Warehousing**
- **Agriculture**

According to the results of Safety+Health’s Training Survey, the top 3 reasons for conducting worker safety training are:

- To reduce injuries and illnesses (32%)
- To prevent complacency or to refresh (26%)
- To go beyond compliance (19%)

More than 90% of respondents to Safety+Health’s 2017 Job Outlook Survey consider their job “very” or “relatively” stable.

Respondents to Safety+Health’s surveys consistently are about 25% **Women** and 75% **Men**. Does this reflect the occupational safety and health field in general? It’s unclear.

Sources: Bureau of Labor Statistics; National Safety Council; OSHA; and Safety+Health’s 2017 Job Outlook, Training and Salary surveys.