

2020

State of safety

AS A NEW YEAR BEGINS,
SAFETY+HEALTH SHARES 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 fiscal year 2019, with

7,014 VIOLATIONS.



4,414

Number of **UNINTENTIONAL INJURY-RELATED
WORKER** fatalities recorded in 2017*

In 2017,

85,600 WORKERS

were injured on the job every week.*

THE LARGEST PENALTY OSHA
issued to an employer
in FY 2019 was nearly

\$1.8 MILLION.



THE THREE INDUSTRIES WITH THE MOST
WORK-RELATED DEATHS CONTINUE TO BE*:

CONSTRUCTION

TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING

AGRICULTURE

In 2017, a worker died
on the job every

119 MINUTES.*



THE REGULATORY AGENDA PUBLISHED
BY THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION IN NOVEMBER

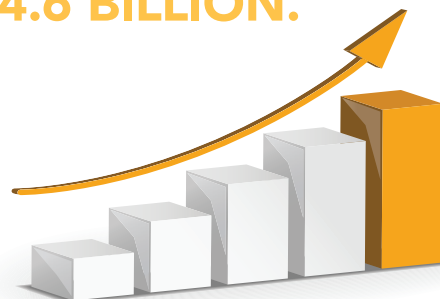
lists **19** OSHA regulations in three stages:

- **PRE-RULE**
- **PROPOSED RULE**
- **FINAL RULE**

compared with 14 in the Fall 2017 agenda
and 30 in the Fall 2016 agenda.

The National Safety Council estimates that
work-related injuries and deaths annually cost society

\$164.6 BILLION.



94%

of respondents to S+H's 2019 Job Outlook consider their jobs "very" or "relatively" stable.

CONSIDER MY JOB VERY STABLE



CONSIDER MY JOB RELATIVELY STABLE



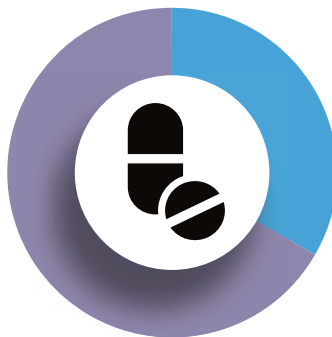
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BELIEVE STRONGLY I WILL LOSE MY JOB



The **opioid crisis** continues to dominate headlines. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says about **two-thirds** of people with an opioid misuse disorder are **in the workforce**.



According to the results of S+H's 2019 Training Survey, common challenges to worker safety training include:

- Keeping workers engaged and focused
- Lack of support from leadership
- Time and budget constraints
- Training a multigenerational and multilingual workforce



CONTINUING EDUCATION NEEDED:

A Colorado School of Public Health survey found that **3 OUT OF 5** safety professionals perform duties outside their primary area of expertise.

MORE THAN ONE-FIFTH OF RESPONDENTS to S+H's 2019 Salary Survey have worked in the safety field for **25 years or more**.

AS EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES (SUCH AS NANOTECHNOLOGY, ROBOTICS AND ADVANCED MANUFACTURING) continue to

develop, more research is needed to identify workplace hazards, **NIOSH Director John Howard** told S+H.



THE LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA in multiple U.S. states creates challenges for worker safety: An NSC survey of 500 employers shows that **81%** are concerned about the drug having a negative impact on the workplace.

JOB HUNTING?

The Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts that most **safety inspection jobs** will experience **higher-than-average growth** through 2026.

*Sources: National Safety Council, injuryfacts.nsc.org