

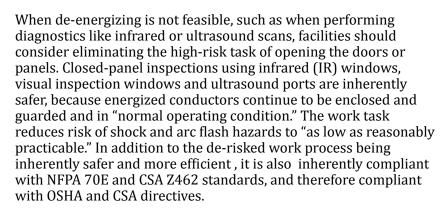
Top 10 OSHA Citations: 2014



Patrick Kapust, Deputy Director of OSHA's Directorate of Enforcement Programs announced the list of the 10 most cited OSHA violations for 2014.^[1] As in 2013, three of the top ten citations were for electrically-related violations:

1.	Fall Protection	(1926.501)
2.	Hazard Communication (Chemical)	(1910.1200)
3.	Scaffolding	(1926.451)
4.	Respiratory Protection	(1910.134)
5.	Powered Industrial Trucks	(1910.178)
6.	Lockout/Tagout	(1910.147)
7.	Ladders	(1926.1053)
8.	Electrical Wiring Methods	(1910.305)
9.	Machine Guarding	(1910.212)
10 .	General Electrical Requirements	(1910.303)

According to ANSI/ASSE Z10, NFPA 70E and CSA Z462, the most effective way to protect personnel (and therefore plant assets and process uptime) is through "Hazard Elimination," [2,3,4] i.e. Deenergize and Lockout/Tagout. Unfortunately, too many facilities are not actively enforcing this simple and foundational safety principle, as evidenced by it's #6 rank on this list.



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¹ United States Department of Labor, Occupational Safety & Health Administration, "Top 10 Most Frequently Cited Standards," available at: https://www.osha.gov/Top_Ten_Standards.html

² American Society of Safety Engineers, ANSI/ASSE Z10-2012, Occupational Safety and Health Management Systems, Sec 5.1.2, p 15

³ National Fire Protection Association, NFPA 70E-2015, Standard for Electrical Safety in the Workplace, Sec 110.1(G), p 16

⁴ Canadian Standards Association, CSA Z462-2015, Workplace Electrical Safety, Sec 4.1.5.7, p 25,26