

SAFETY MATTERS



THE BENEFITS OF OSHA COMPLIANCE

OSHA COMPLIANCE CAN HELP YOU REDUCE YOUR WORKERS' COMPENSATION COSTS, AVOID INSPECTIONS AND ELIMINATE COSTLY FINES. IT ALSO MAKES YOUR WORKPLACE SAFER FOR YOUR EMPLOYEES.

With all the possible OSHA violations and potential fines, ensuring OSHA compliance within your company can seem like a daunting task—but it doesn't have to feel that way.

START WITH RECORD KEEPING

Do you have an employee who is responsible for recording all cases of injury or illness? If you don't, this is a good place to start on your road to OSHA compliance.

Generally, human resources departments are responsible for OSHA compliance, but sometimes this is the safety manager's responsibility—every company is different. Either way, someone should be responsible for OSHA compliance, as keeping up with new and changing safety regulations can help you avoid accidents and complaints.

BENEFITS OF OSHA COMPLIANCE

Complying with OSHA standards can reduce your workers' compensation costs by helping you eliminate unsafe workplace conditions and making your company a safer place to work.

Compliance also means you are more likely to avoid inspections from an OSHA compliance officer. OSHA regulations state that OSHA can inspect your workplace without notice. But businesses with complaints filed against them have a higher chance of inspection, so your chances are greatly diminished if you're complaint-free.

In the same vein, OSHA compliance can help you avoid costly fines, since you have inspected your workplace and corrected any violations or unsafe conditions. If your workplace is compliant, you are less likely to receive complaints, inspections and any subsequent fines.



TOOLS YOU CAN USE TO BE READY FOR OSHA

A safety culture is the shared beliefs, practices and mindsets that shape behavior at an organization in a positive way.

A safety culture sets the standard for overall safety at your company. For example, if the head chef at your restaurant carries knives blade-up while walking through the kitchen, that tells the rest of the kitchen staff that safe knife handling is not a priority and that they can carry a knife any way they choose. This unsafe behavior is perpetuated by new employees who think this is an acceptable thing to do.

You should always be ready for OSHA inspections, and tools like an online OSHA log can help you be prepared.

Tracking injuries and incidents in an online OSHA log keeps all the information you need in one place, and can easily be printed to share with employees or any OSHA inspectors who visit.

Plus, by storing all your incident information in an online log, you can easily analyze it to spot trends, benchmark against national data, and isolate potential problem areas based on division, time period or injury type.

COMPLIANCE IS THE KEY

EPIC has the tools you need to save time, work more efficiently and keep your workplace compliant with OSHA standards. We want your workplace to be as safe as you do. Please contact us with any questions you may have.