



Compliance Assistance Newsletter

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## Workplace Illnesses and Injuries Down in 2008

The Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) announced that private industry employers have reduced injury and illness rates from a total case rate of 4.2 per 100 equivalent full-time workers in 2007 to 3.9 cases in 2008. The report also noted a decline in non-fatal occupational injuries and illnesses from 4 million cases in 2007 to 3.7 million cases in 2008.

<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/osh.nr0.htm>

## Louisiana Workplace Fatalities FY 2009 = 43

### Louisiana Fatalities by Industry

|                        |    |     |
|------------------------|----|-----|
| Construction:          | 18 | 42% |
| Oil & Gas:             | 5  | 12% |
| Shipyards:             | 1  | 2%  |
| Marine Cargo Handling: | 3  | 7%  |
| Logging:               | 0  | 0%  |
| General Industry:      | 16 | 37% |

### Event Type

|                    |    |     |
|--------------------|----|-----|
| Struck By          | 19 | 44% |
| Falls:             | 13 | 30% |
| Electrocution:     | 5  | 12% |
| Caught in Between: | 4  | 9%  |
| Asphyxiation:      | 1  | 2%  |
| Explosion:         | 1  | 2%  |

## OSHA's top 10 cited violations for FY 2009:

1. Scaffolding, General— 9,093 violations
2. Fall/Protection— 6,771 violations
3. Hazard Communication— 6,378 violations
4. Respiratory Protection— 3,803 violations
5. Lockout/Tagout— 3,321 violations
6. Electrical/Wiring— 3,079 violations
7. Ladders— 3,072 violations
8. Industrial/Trucks— 2,993 violations
9. Electrical/General— 2,556 violations
10. Machine/Guarding— 2,364 violations



### Disclaimer

This information has been developed by an OSHA Compliance Assistance Specialist and is intended to assist employers, workers, and others as they strive to improve workplace health and safety. While we attempt to thoroughly address specific topics [for hazards], it is not possible to include discussion of everything necessary to ensure a healthy and safe working environment in a presentation of this nature. Thus, this information must be understood as a tool for addressing workplace hazards, rather than an exhaustive statement of an employer's legal obligations, which are defined by statute, regulations, and standards. Likewise, to the extent that this information references practices or procedures that may enhance health or safety, but which are not required by a statute, regulation, or standard, it cannot, and does not, create additional legal obligations. Finally, over time, OSHA may modify rules and interpretations in light of new technology, information, or circumstances; to keep apprised of such developments, or to review information on a wide range of occupational safety and health topics, you can visit OSHA's Website at [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov).

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## **NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST**

### **OSHA cracks down on firms hiding workplace injuries**

<http://www.sunherald.com/top/story/1726561.html>

### **OSHA Offers Workplace H1N1 Fact Sheets**

<http://ehstoday.com/health/news/osha-workplace-flu-fact-sheets-1566/>

### **Business community pushes for hearing on Obama's nominee to head OSHA**

<http://www.riskandinsurance.com/story.jsp?storyId=284026946>

### **Reflective vests must be worn during roadwork\***

<http://dailyreporter.com/blog/2009/10/20/osha-reflective-vests-must-be-worn-during-roadwork-452-pm-102009/>

### **2 TDOT Workers Hit, Killed On I-75\***

<http://www.wsmv.com/news/21562325/detail.html>

### **WORKER'S FATAL FALL PROMPTS PROBE**

<http://www.houmatoday.com/article/20091105/ARTICLES/911059961?Title=Area-news-in-brief>

### **Imperial Sugar Almost Back to %100**

[http://www2.wsav.com/sav/news/local/article/imperial\\_sugar\\_almost\\_back\\_to\\_100/65295/](http://www2.wsav.com/sav/news/local/article/imperial_sugar_almost_back_to_100/65295/)