

Jobsite Inspections

Does this apply to me?

Every construction project/job site must be inspected for hazards/conditions that could cause injury/illness to workers. Inspections are also an effective way to determine if safety rules are being followed and can help in identifying new training needs.

What does this cover?

- The OSHA rules have inspection requirements for many operations such as demolition work, excavations, steel erection and welding and cutting.
- Specific inspection rules are also necessary for scaffolds, fall protection, electrical equipment, tools, confined spaces, rigging and when workers are exposed to chemicals or using personal protective equipment.
- General work areas must also be inspected for conditions that could cause injuries as a result of slips/trips due to poor housekeeping or improper storage of flammable liquids.

What else do I need to know?

All inspections must be carried out by a Competent Person who is familiar with the hazards of the work, what should be in place for protection and the safe use of any equipment. While inspections do not have to be documented, unless specified by OSHA rules, it is a good idea to have a system to

show your company is looking at these hazards and taking action to correct them.

What about training?

Since inspections must be made by a Competent Person it is important to make sure they understand both the OSHA rules and your company requirements. A good start is for any person who will be in the role of Competent Person to take courses such as the OSHA 30 hour or OSHA 510 course. More specific training will be required if they will be the Competent Person for Excavation work, Scaffold erection or Fall Protection.

Where can I get more help?

The Hanover Risk Solutions website has additional information that you can review or use for worker training. Additional resources can also be found on the OSHA website <http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/competentperson/index.html> that show where the Competent Person must be available.

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