Each year, more than 4,500 workers are killed on the job and approximately 3 million are injured. The following 10 Workplace Safety & Health Violations, which are the most frequent citations reported by OSHA during workplace inspections, account for the majority of those deaths and injuries. Nearly all of these deaths and injuries could be prevented through the implementation of proactive safety training and safe workplace policies.

Gowrie Group recommends that employers use this top 10 list to focus their safety programs and safety training for 2017 and beyond. OSHA offers tips and guidelines, along with standards, for each of these items (linked below). If your organization or company needs help implementing safety training or developing safety programs to address any of these hazards, you can reach out to our Safety & Loss Prevention Manager, Kellie Crete at kelliec@gowrie.com. She specializes in workplace safety training, program development, safety consultations, safety pre-inspections, and more.

OSHA publishes this list each October, and the same 10 hazards top the list each year. Deliberate focus by employers on these common workplace hazards will go a long way towards making workplaces safer and protecting our workforce from preventable injuries and fatalities.

Top-10 OSHA Workplace Safety Violations (with links for more info):

1. Fall protection
2. Hazard communication
3. Scaffolds
4. Respiratory protection
5. Lockout & Tagout
6. Powered industrial trucks
7. Ladders
8. Machine guarding
9. Electrical wiring
10. Electrical, general requirements

Sources: Gowrie Group, OSHA, Department of Labor.