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Introduction

This publication takes you beyond what the regulations are and provides you with information on how to comply with them and implement them, as well as providing relevant information based on OSHA's own interpretations of the regulations.

Used in conjunction with the OSHA regulations, this publication serves as an effective guide to implementing safety and health requirements in your workplace.

As you use the publication, consider the following as your roadmap.



GETTING STARTED WITH OSHA COMPLIANCE

- Determine which specific OSHA regulations you must comply with.** Even if you know you are covered by OSHA's "General Industry" regulations, you still have to narrow down the focus to those that are specifically applicable to your operations. Some will apply, some will not. Note: This publication is focused on federal OSHA requirements; some states, such as California, Oregon, Washington, Michigan, and Minnesota, have their own approved state OSHA requirements which take precedence over federal OSHA. See the OSHA section of this publication for information on state versus federal jurisdiction.
 - OSHA's list of most frequently cited standards by industry can help you narrow down the scope. Type in your NAICS code at the following website: <https://www.osha.gov/pls/imis/citedstandard.html>.
 - You can also use prior inspection history, as well as injury and illness data to determine areas on which to focus.
- Determine which written plans you must have.** Written plans outline how the company will carry out various functions of a program. For example, most employers are required to have a Hazard Communication program; the written plan would include a list of hazardous chemicals used, who is responsible for obtaining missing safety data sheets, which workers are exposed to hazardous chemicals, the type of training used, the type of labeling system used, where safety data sheets are kept, and so on. See the list of required plans in the Recordkeeping section of this publication. Also, see sample written plan templates, which appear at the end of most sections in the publication.
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