

[OSHA FINES]

For Emergency Response Equipment

July 2017 • Coos Bay, OR
Bay Area Athletic Club

VIOLATION: Employees working with extreme pH chemicals not provided approved eyewash and/or shower station.

\$195,300
Total Penalty

Dec. 2015/Sept. 2016
Richmond, CA

Blue Apron, Food Packaging Facility

VIOLATION: Failure to offer emergency eyewashes or showers near the forklift battery charging station.

\$12,825
Total Two Penalties

\$26,775
Total Two Penalties

Nov. 2015 • Colton, CA
Ashley Furniture

VIOLATION: Failed to ensure self-contained portable eyewashes provided potable water at appropriate flow rates for full flushing duration and failure of accessibility within 10 seconds of hazard.

\$108,000
Total Penalty

Dec. 2016 • Seattle, WA
Seattle Bulk Shipping Inc.

VIOLATION: Eyewash(es) not provided when transporting ethanol from rail cars to tanker trucks.

July 2015 • Universal City, TX
Zareena Investments, Dry Cleaners

VIOLATION: No eyewash provided when working with cleaning agents.

\$6,160
Total Penalty

Mar. 2016 • McAllen, TX
Lineage Logistics, Port Warehousing

VIOLATION: Suitable facilities for drenching not provided when working with anhydrous ammonia in engine room.

\$6,000
Total Penalty

\$25,000
Total Penalty

Feb. 2016 • Groton, CT
PCC Structurals, Aluminum and Titanium Castings

VIOLATION: Caustic room working with molten sodium and potassium hydroxide did not have any drench equipment available.

\$5,000
Total Penalty

Mar. 2016 • Houston, TX
Quality Xmas Tree, Garden Center

VIOLATION: Employees using corrosive chemicals without an eyewash being readily accessible.

Mar. 2016 • Johnson City, NY
The Rob Salamida Company, Food Manufacturer

VIOLATION: Eyewash not provided when using sodium hypochlorite solution dispensed from 55-gallon drums.

\$2,800
Total Penalty

\$39,195
Total Penalty

Nov. 2016
Brooklyn, MD
USPS
VIOLATION: Did not provide suitable facilities for quick drenching or flushing for exposure to injurious corrosive materials.

ACCORDING TO THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY & HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (OSHA), the agency audited **over 39,000 organizations** in one year. Over 17,000 of those inspections were labelled as "programmed" or unexpected safety audits.

OSHA fines **increased for the first time** since 1990 by **80 percent!** This went into effect August 1, 2016. One example of the increase is the penalty for a **wilful violation rises to \$126,000** from \$70,000.

OSHA has stepped up enforcement, particularly for employers who have a **history of serious or repeated violations**.