A new entry emerged in the Top 10 list of OSHA’s most frequently cited violations for fiscal year 2017, joining the ranks of a rarely altered field.

Assessing the addition of Fall Protection – Training Requirements (1926.503) at No. 9, Patrick Kapust, deputy director of OSHA’s Directorate of Enforcement Programs, treated the matter with the same urgency reserved for the list’s usual suspects.

“Many of these violations were specifically related to training requirements and ensuring that a training program for each employee who may be exposed to fall hazards is established,” Kapust told Safety+Health. “Often, these violations occurred in the roofing, framing and residential modeling industries.

“We are concerned about the recent uptick in this category and urge employers to take the necessary measures to train employees on this competency.”

The top five violations mirrored those from FY 2016, as Fall Protection – General Requirements again ranked atop the list.

People with symptoms should go to their health care provider, walk in clinic or emergency department depending on severity of symptoms.

“Providing a healthy and safe working environment for your employees is important in managing a successful organization,” said Kirsten Elms-Kelleher, Safety Services & Solutions development manager at Grainger. “Education and prevention are critical to keeping workers safe on the job this summer and all year round.”

Layering protective clothing during winter is a tried-and-true way to maximize your comfort when working outdoors or in an unconditioned environment. Layering also allows you to make quick adjustments based on your activity level and changes in the weather to stay comfortable and compliant.

...Whenever temperatures drop or foul weather is expected, a three-layer clothing system has traditionally been viewed as the “go-to” clothing kit.

The kit is composed of a base layer to manage moisture; an insulating layer to protect you from the cold; and an outer layer that shields you from wind, rain and snow.

How to Avoid the Flu
Source: Centers for Disease Control & Prevention

Out in the Cold: How to avoid injuries and illnesses when the temperatures plummet
Source: Safety + Health Magazine

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