

OSHA Update

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- Directorate of Construction
- Regulatory Update
- Focus Four
- Inspection Statistics
- Suicide & Opioids in Construction
- Women in Construction
- National Outreach Events
- Whistleblower



OTI #3010 – Trenching and
Excavating Course

OSHA's New Assistant Secretary



Douglas L. Parker

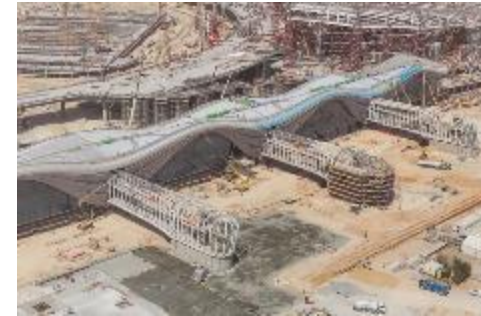
- Sworn-in as OSHA Assistant Secretary, November 3, 2021.
- Chief of Cal/OSHA, 2019-2021.
- Executive Director of WorkSafe, 2016-2019.
- Former Senior Policy Advisor and Deputy Assistant Secretary for MSHA.

Directorate of Construction

- **OCS (Construction Services)**: Field enforcement assistance, Compliance Assistance, Interpretations, ACCSH
- **OES (Engineering Services)**: Forensic engineering analysis, Structural and Geotechnical Assistance
- **OCSG (Construction Standards and Guidance)**: Develop and promulgate Construction standards; Directives; Interpretations and other guidance products

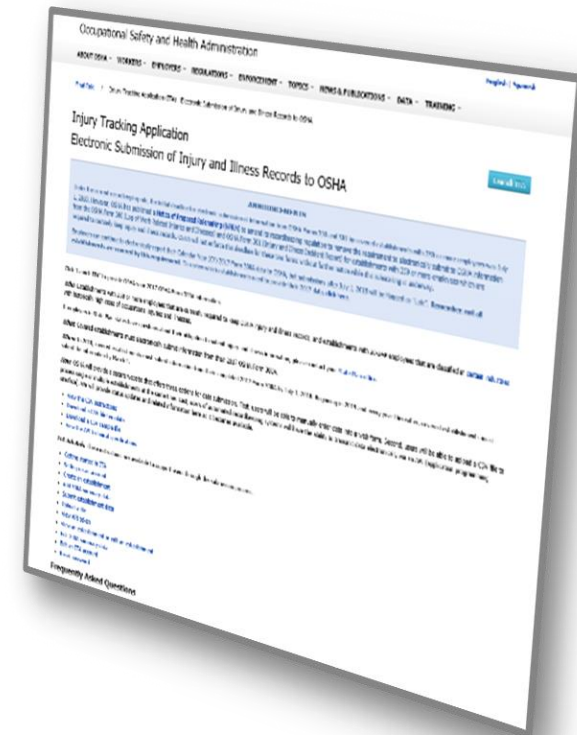
Infrastructure Bill

- Roads
- Bridges
- Airports
- Railways
- Ports and Waterways
- Power and Water Systems



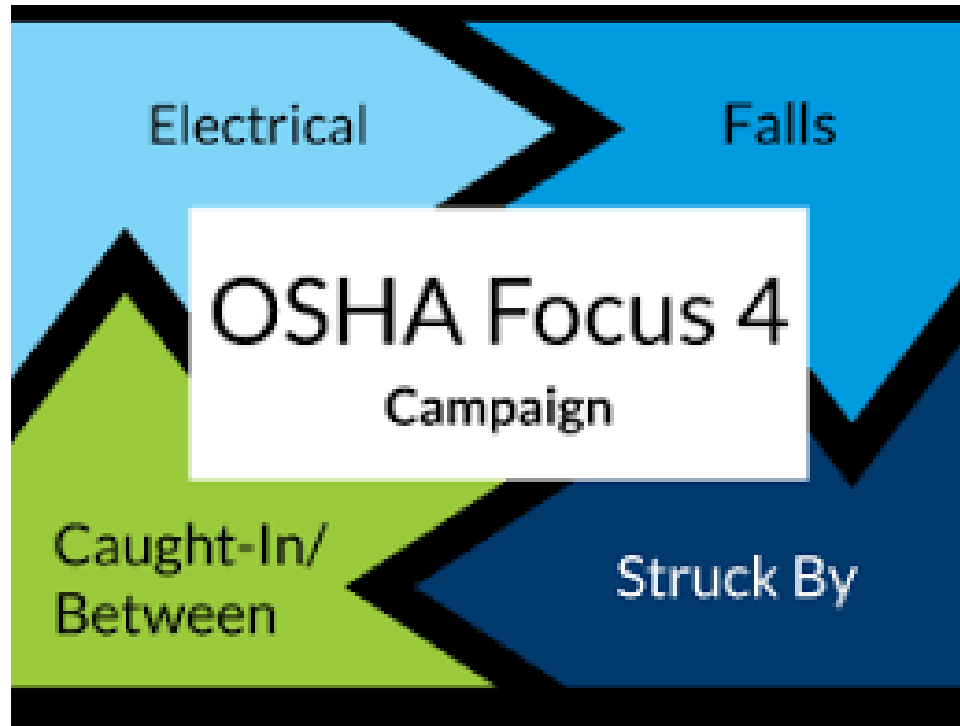
Construction Regulatory Activities

- Crane Amendments - NPRM Clearance
- Communication Towers - NPRM
- Welding in Confined Spaces - NPRM
- PPE in Construction - NPRM



Focus Four Hazards

- Falls
- Struck-by
- Electrocutions
- Caught-in/between



Construction Focus Four

The actual breakdown of the causes of fatalities on construction sites in 2019 is as follows (numbers are a percentage of the 1,061 total construction-related fatalities that occurred in 2019):

- Falls: 418 (39.3%)
- Struck-by: 90 (8.4%)
- Electrocutions: 79 (7.4%)
- Caught-in/between: 59 (5.5%)

BLS 2019 Data for all Ownerships



www.osha.gov/training/outreach/construction/focus-four

Preventing Focus Four Hazards



<https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3886.pdf>

- Management Leadership
- Worker Participation
- Hazard Identification & Assessment
- Hazard Prevention & Control
- Education & Training
- Program Evaluation & Improvement
- Communication & Coordination for Employers on Multiemployer Worksites

OSHA OIS Inspection Data

Overall Data (10/1/20 – 9/30/21)

Total Inspections	24,289
Total Violations Issued	31,782
Average “Serious” Penalty	\$5,468
% Serious, Willful, or Repeat	80.63%
% Other-than-Serious	19.33%

OSHA OIS Inspection Data Cont.

Overall Data (10/1/20 – 9/30/21)

Construction	52%
Other Industries	48%
Programmed	10,592
Un-Programmed	13,697
Fatalities/Catastrophes Inspected	1,424
Avg. Hrs/Safety Inspection	22.3
Avg. Hrs/Health Inspection	36.4

OSHA OIS Inspection Data Cont.

Top 10 Violations in Construction (10/1/20 – 9/30/21)

Standard	Total Violations	Serious Violations	Willful Violations	Repeat Violations
1926.501 - Fall Protection	5,177	4,182	153	749
1926.1053 - Ladders	1,976	1,795	7	95
1926.451 - Scaffolding	1,878	1,727	12	70
1926.503 - Fall Protection Training	1,627	1,065	5	121
1926.102 - Eye & Face Protection	1,437	1,262	23	122
1925.100 - Head Protection	807	729	8	47
1926.20 - General S & H Provisions	797	628	6	72
1926.453 - Aerial Lifts	520	470	0	22
1910.651 - Excavation Requirements	503	423	2	27
1926.502 - Fall Protection Systems Criteria & Practices	497	432	3	11

Suicide Prevention In the Workplace

Get help now.

If you're having trouble coping with work-related stress, talk with someone who can help.

- Call 1-800-273-8255
- Para español 1-888-628-9454
- Online chat suicidepreventionlifeline.org/chat



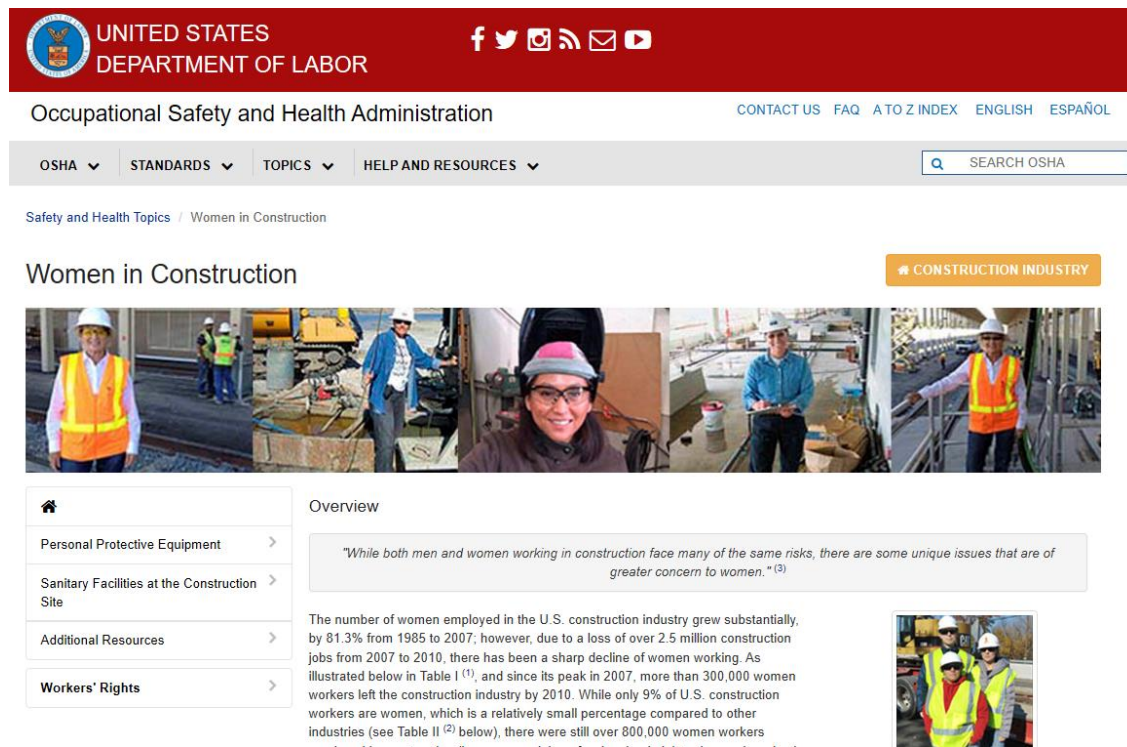
Opioids in the Workplace

- Workers in occupations at higher risk for injury and illness – such as construction -- are more likely to:
 - Obtain opioid prescriptions.
 - Die from an opioid overdose
- Construction industry has one of the highest injury rates.
- Opioids are commonly prescribed to construction workers.

Workplace Deaths Suicide/Overdose

Year	Number of Suicides	Number of Drug Overdoses
2013	282	82
2014	280	114
2015	229	165
2016	291	217
2017	275	272
2018	304	305
2019	307	313

Women in Construction



The screenshot shows the OSHA website's 'Women in Construction' page. At the top is a red header with the United States Department of Labor logo, social media icons, and navigation links like 'CONTACT US', 'FAQ', and 'ATO Z INDEX'. Below the header is a search bar and a sidebar with links to 'OSHA', 'STANDARDS', 'TOPICS', and 'HELP AND RESOURCES'. The main content area is titled 'Women in Construction' and features a collage of images showing women in construction safety gear. A quote from the Department of Labor is displayed: "While both men and women working in construction face many of the same risks, there are some unique issues that are of greater concern to women." Below this, a paragraph discusses the historical growth and decline of women in the construction industry, noting that while the number of women workers has increased since 2010, they still represent a small percentage of the total workforce. A small image of two women in safety vests is also visible.

<https://www.osha.gov/women-in-construction>

- As of Dec. 31, 2018, approximately 1,106,919 women were employed in various occupation sectors of the construction industry
- Women now make up 9.9 percent of the construction industry in the United States.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Women in Construction Cont.

- Issues:
 - PPE Fit
 - Sanitation
 - Workplace Violence
- Actions:
 - Update guidance
 - Increase activity with outreach groups



FY2022 OSHA National Outreach Events

- **Stand-Up 4 Grain Safety Week** (March/April 2022)
- **National Work Zone Awareness Week** (April 2022)
- **Fall Prevention Week** (May 2022)
- **Heat Prevention Stand-Down** (May 2022)
- **Trench Safety Stand-Down** (June 2022)
- **Safe + Sound Week** (August 2022)

Protecting Workers' Rights



Workers' Rights

OSHA Publication #3021 - 2018

- Right to File a Complaint with OSHA to Request an On-site OSHA Inspection
- Rights of Workers during an Inspection
- Workers' Rights following Issuance of Citations
- Right to Information if No Inspection is Conducted or No Citation Issued
- Protection against Retaliation, Whistleblower Protection





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