

OSHA may make inspections to any work site and rarely will advance notice be provided.



- These inspections may cover the entire workplace, or just a few operations.
- Because OSHA visits are unannounced, ensure that the work site is compliant at all times.
- OSHA Inspectors are referred to as Compliance Officers and should be treated with respect.
- When an OSHA Compliance Officer arrives on site, notify the person responsible for the site such as the supervisor, manager, superintendent, or owner. This person, or a manager, should escort the Compliance Officer at all times.
- Request identification, write down the Compliance Officer's name and ID number, and ask which area office they represent.
- The purpose of the inspection should be stated by the Compliance Officer before or during an opening conference at the beginning of the visit.
- During the walk-around inspection, the Compliance Officer is permitted to take notes, measurements and photographs. A company representative should also take notes and photos of all inspection activities.
- During the inspection, employees should be cooperative. Do not be sarcastic or argumentative. Employees may be interviewed, or written statements may be requested.
- The Compliance Officer must wear any PPE required in the work area they are inspecting.
- If possible, during the OSHA visit, fix any violation immediately.
- A closing conference will be arranged to allow the Compliance Officer to review any violations observed and refer to applicable OSHA standards.
- Instructions on follow-up procedures will be provided at the end of the inspection.

Discussion

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While it's possible to refuse entry to OSHA, why is that not recommended?

If it's possible to do so, why is it advisable to fix violations immediately?