# OSHA Inspections: Understanding Your Rights & Navigating the Process to Minimize Your Citation Risk

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Every employer dreads a knock on the door from an OSHA inspector. But an inspection doesn't need to be your worst nightmare. If you take proactive steps to find and fix hazards, develop a detailed plan for handling an inspection, understand and exercise your rights, and operate in good faith throughout the process, you can significantly reduce your chances of damaging citations and fines.

While OSHA and its state counterparts cannot inspect every facility, that doesn't mean you can afford to be complacent about the risk of an inspection. The facilities that receive visits from OSHA are far from random, and the combination of your industry, your history of violations, and your injury and illness rates can significantly raise your inspection risk. With a single willful or repeat violation now carrying a maximum penalty of \$132,598, being unprepared for an OSHA inspection can be more costly than ever.

Join us for an informative webinar on October 10 that will provide guidance on planning for an OSHA inspection, navigating the inspection process, and proactively managing safety compliance to reduce your chances of citations and fines.

### You'll learn:

- The factors that can increase your risk of an inspection—and what you can
  do to influence them for the better
- The enforcement impact of OSHA's Site-Specific Targeting Program
- Your rights—and your employees' rights—during an OSHA inspection
- Who should be present during an OSHA inspection and what their roles are
- How to strike the right balance between providing requested information

and protecting your interests

- Tips for navigating the process from opening to closing conference and beyond
- And much more!

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