



Massachusetts Workplace Safety and Health Protection for Public Employees

454 CMR 25.00 requires all public sector employers to comply with OSHA regulations.

- Employers:** Employers are required to provide procedures, equipment, and training to prevent work-related injuries and illnesses.
- Employees:** Employees are required to comply with the policies and procedures established in their workplace to reduce work-related injuries and illnesses.
- Inspection:** The Department of Labor Standards (DLS) may conduct an on-site inspection to evaluate workplace conditions and make recommendations for the prevention of work-related injuries and illnesses. See **Inspection Summary** at mass.gov/dols/wshp.
- Enforcement:** DLS may issue a *Written Warning* which contains an *Order to Correct* when an inspection reveals a condition which could cause a work-related injury or illness. DLS may issue a *Civil Citation with Civil Penalty* when an employer fails to abate a *Written Warning*, or repeats conditions identified in a previous *Written Warning*.
- Voluntary Assistance:** Public sector workplaces may request technical assistance by contacting DLS at safepublicworkplacemailbox@mass.gov or (508) 616-0461 or There are no written warnings or penalties issued for voluntary assistance.
- Complaints:** Public employees or their representatives may file a complaint about safety and health conditions at their workplace by contacting DLS at safepublicworkplacemailbox@mass.gov or (508) 616-0461.
- Safety and Health Management:** Sample safety programs and technical bulletins are available at mass.gov/dols/wshp.