

The Arizona Division of Occupational Safety and Health (ADOSH) is given the responsibility to enforce the requirements of the Arizona Occupational Safety and Health Act. This includes enforcement of the requirements that employers comply with OSHA standards and regulations and provide a safe and healthful workplace for employees in Arizona. ADOSH performs this obligation, in part, by conducting unannounced compliance inspections.

Inspections are selected using a variety of methods, which may vary by industry. In the construction industry, ADOSH may select a general scheduled inspection based on either a randomly generated list of construction projects (compiled using Dodge data) or an observation of a hazard that falls within either a local or national emphasis program, such as trenching hazards or fall hazards.

In general industry (non-construction), ADOSH may select a general scheduled inspection using either a list of employers within industries that have higher-than-average injury rates, such as wood product and architectural metal product manufacturers, or a list of employers with higher numbers of Arizona workers' compensation claims.

To improve its efforts to target inspections of Arizona workplaces, ADOSH will soon add to the methods described the selection of a general scheduled inspection using workers' compensation experience ratings of Arizona employers. In both the general and construction industries, employers with higher than average experience ratings may be targeted for inspection. This information may also be used to identify non-rated employers within industries that are identified through experience ratings. Through this targeting effort, ADOSH anticipates that it will increase its inspection of those workplaces with more serious hazards and/or higher injury and illness frequency rates. ADOSH also expects that this effort will ensure that ADOSH's limited resources are used in a more effective and efficient manner.