



Simplifying Site Inspections

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Objectives

- Understand what OSHA looks for.
- Understand how to conduct inspections.
- Involve front-line employees!!

What does OSHA look for?

OSHA's Top 10 (2022):

- Fall Protection
- Hazard Communication
- Ladders
- Respiratory Protection
- Scaffolding
- Lockout Tagout
- Forklifts
- Fall Protection Training
- PPE
- Machine Guarding

What does OSHA look for?

- OSHA's Focus Four in Construction
 - Falls (35% construction deaths)
 - Caught in (10% construction deaths)
 - Struck by (10% construction deaths)
 - Electrocution (15% construction deaths)

What does OSHA look for?

- Common Hazards to Identify



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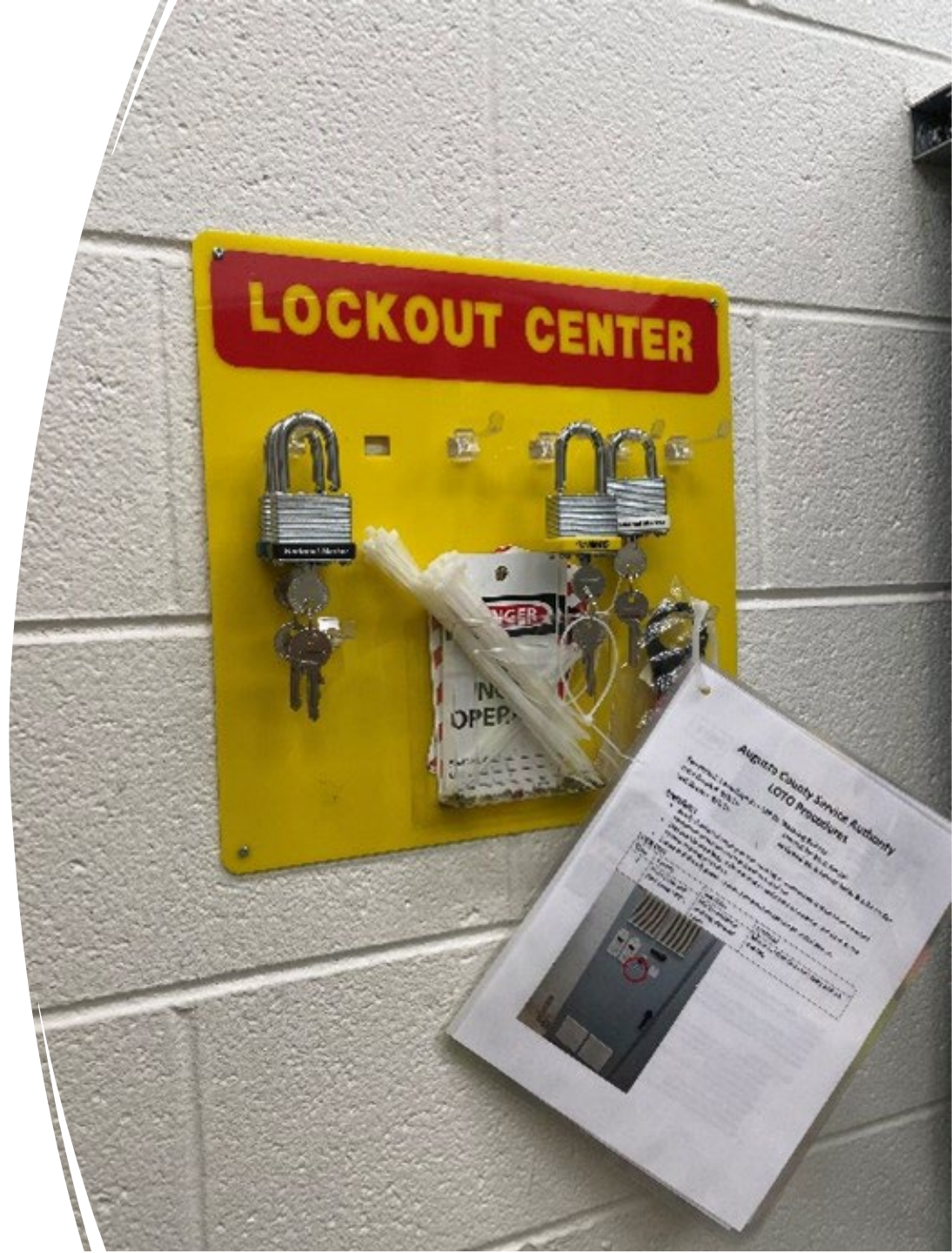
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What does OSHA look for?

- If we know what's on the study guide, we can do better on the test!
- So let's go into how to conduct an inspection.

Conducting Your Inspection

- You choose how and when to inspect..
- No Notice / Scheduled / Impromptu / Post-Incident
- Pros and Cons of using a checklist...
- Pros: Set procedure, Easier to train employees
- Cons: May miss items not on the checklist

Conducting Your Inspection

- When you inspect:
 - Do not take part in work – Your job is to watch work...
 - Ask questions! Even if you know the answer, employee responses may show you where your training is lacking.
 - Do not justify “why” a hazard is present. A hazard is a hazard regardless of why!
 - Document your inspection! OSHA considers good-faith efforts when reducing penalties!!!

Include Employees

- You, as a supervisor may know what to look for...
 - Involve employees! This can look like:
 - Utilizing a Safety Committee Representative to inspect department
 - Cross-Inspections!
 - Utilize a different front-line employee when you conduct inspections
 - Utilize a third party!

Include Employees

- The best companies (those in the SHARP and VPP) have developed a culture where:
 - Employees are encouraged to identify and report hazards
 - Safety is truly paramount
 - Employees at all levels have a voice in safety
 - Safety incentives do not discourage reporting!

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Conclusion

- Have a game plan going into your self-inspections
- Conduct various types of inspections (more effective)
- Include Employees!
- Build a Culture of Reporting!

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Questions

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