



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR STANDARDS



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 and choose option #1. 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 and choose option #1.
- Safety and Health Management:** Sample safety programs and technical bulletins are available at mass.gov/dols/wshp.

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