



OSHA Announces Penalties will Increase for 2019

Penalties rise to keep up with Inflation

Upon publication of the Federal Register, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) will increase penalties to keep up with inflation. The new penalties for 2019 are as follows:

- Willful and Repeat Violations will now be \$132,598 per violation
- Serious, other-than-serious and posting requirements will now be \$13,260 per violation
- Failure to abate violations will now be \$13,260 per day beyond the abatement date

January 15, 2019—publication of the Department of Labor Final Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Annual Adjustment for 2019 Final Rule has been delayed. The Department of Labor is making the Pre-published version of the Final Rule available on its website for informational purposes only until the official version is published in the Federal Register. The Final Rule will not go into effect until it is published in the Federal Register. The effective date will be the date of publication, and the increased penalty levels will apply to any penalties assessed after the effective date of the increase.

After publication, the Final Rule can be accessed through the Federal Register website at:

<https://www.dol.gov/asp/2019-inflation-adjustments.pdf>

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