

## 16.15: Introduction to Inspection and Enforcement

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What you'll learn to do: Describe the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA's) inspection & enforcement process

In its enforcement role, OSHA sets enforcement policy, conducts targeted inspections and responds to fatalities, catastrophes and complaints. The on-the-ground inspection and enforcement role is conducted by OSHA inspectors, industrial hygienists and safety professionals referred to as compliance safety and health officers. In this section, we'll discuss the OSHA enforcement process and how penalties are determined.

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