OSHA Inspection Guidelines

Supervisor or Front Desk: (Reception Area)

- Ask to see the OSHA inspector(s) official government identification
- Contact the appropriate Company official immediately
- Name of the authorized Company official: ________________________
  - Office phone: _____________________ Extension: __________
  - Cell phone: _______________________
- Ask the OSHA inspector(s) to wait until the representative above has been reached.

**Note:** “The inspection shall not be delayed unreasonably to await the arrival of the employer representative. This delay should not exceed one hour.” (OSHA Field Inspection Reference Manual, Section 6, Chapter II, A 2.b. (2))

Company Representative:

- Contact Lancaster Safety Consulting Inc. at (888) 403-6026 if you desire. A Lancaster Safety consultant can speak with the OSHA official(s) by phone for the purpose of providing an overview of your occupational health and safety program.
- After meeting the OSHA official(s), an opening conference (sit-down meeting) shall be held. The OSHA official(s) should explain the basis of the inspection, (Accident investigation, complaint, referral, follow-up, or planned local/national emphasis program). You should be advised if the inspection is partial or complete. The opening conference is an important opportunity for the employer to demonstrate the company’s “Good Faith” efforts to provide a safe workplace. Discuss safety policies and practices with the compliance officer(s). Present the safety manuals. Emphasize the worker training verification logs, and your new hire training procedures. You should also present OSHA 300 logs, safety committee paperwork, and any other written materials that demonstrate your company’s “Good Faith” efforts to comply with the applicable OSHA standards.
- Upon completion of the opening conference, accompany the OSHA inspector(s) on a walk-through inspection of your facility. (Advise the inspector(s) on any areas of your facility that have been predetermined as “trade secret” areas, if applicable). During this walk-through, the inspector(s) will advise you of potential health and safety violations. If possible, take immediate, corrective action to correct hazards while the inspector(s) are present. **NOTE:** The inspector(s) have the right to interview workers.
- After the walk-through, a closing conference shall be held. The inspector(s) will provide an overview of their findings, and advise you if citations are likely to be issued. (No citations are issued on the same day of an OSHA inspection. OSHA has up to 6-months to issue citations.) The closing conference provides the employer with another opportunity to demonstrate “good faith”. Take notes on the inspector(s) closing comments.
- Contact Lancaster Safety Consulting, Inc. at (888) 403-6026 upon conclusion of the inspection.