

5 SAFETY PROFESSIONALS AND IMPACTS OF THE LAW

QUIZ 1 (15 POINTS TOTAL)

True/False (5 points)

1. The 1970 Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHAct) allows individual states to adopt their own safety control systems as long as they are effective as comparable federal standards.
 - a. true
 - b. false
2. The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), does scientific and technical assessments of risks.
 - a. true
 - b. false
3. Standards are binding on all people and organizations subject to that state or federal jurisdiction.
 - a. true
 - b. false
4. Memos and e-mails on the topic of safety in the workplace may build a record that can be helpful or harmful to an organization.
 - a. true
 - b. false
5. The power to write new rules and implement legislation rests with OSHA and state agencies.
 - a. true
 - b. false

Multiple Choice (5 points)

6. The agencies, within the federal government, which regulate workplace safety, include:
 - a. OSHA
 - b. CDC
 - c. NIOSH
 - d. all of the above
7. Violations of standards that have no direct or immediate relationship to safety or health are called _____ violations.
 - a. other than serious
 - b. serious
 - c. willful
 - d. de minimis
8. When dealing with regulators and inspectors, the safety professional should
 - a. be businesslike and professional
 - b. be cooperative and polite
 - c. understand industry standards and how they are applied
 - d. all of the above

9. An administrative agency's published decision concerning policies and actions is called a _____.
a. rule or regulation
b. guidance document
c. law
d. standard
10. When the worst-case scenario occurs (a death or serious injury) in a facility whose workers are covered by federal and state laws, the following may occur:
a. the state may begin a criminal investigation
b. the federal government may conduct an enforcement case through OSHA
c. the injured worker (or family member) may file a private law suit
d. all of the above

Short Answer (5 points)

11. In general, what does the safety professional need to know when dealing with safety regulatory agencies?
12. Briefly define the following regulatory terms:
a. law

b. rule or regulation

c. policy

d. guidance document

e. precedent

f. standard
13. Explain how a safety professional, well versed in the safety regulations pertinent to his or her industry, can have a positive effect on an organization.

14. Briefly describe the violations listed below, for which regulators may issue a citation.

- a. other than serious violation
- b. serious violation
- c. willful violation
- d. repeated violation
- e. failure to abate prior violation
- f. de minimis violation

15. Briefly discuss the process by which OSHA regulations are adopted.