Each year, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) conducts a survey of over 800,000 employers to collect workplace injury and illness data. With the results of this survey, OSHA identifies those workplaces with the highest Days Away from work, Restricted or Transferred (DART) rates. If your workplace is one of those chosen, OSHA will send you a letter warning that some of the workplaces identified in the survey will be targeted for inspection.

What if I Get the Letter?
OSHA knows that a high DART rate does not necessarily mean that your organization is not committed to safety and health. However, if yours is one of the organizations targeted for inspection, it is especially important to remain in compliance.

OSHA’s Assistance Program
Employers with 250 or fewer workers can ask for assistance from OSHA’s free and confidential consultation program, administered by a state agency and operated separately from OSHA’s enforcement program. When the safety consultant comes, there are no fines even if problems are found. This way, smaller employers can identify hazards and find effective and economical solutions for eliminating or controlling them. The OSHA consultant can also assist you in developing and implementing a safety and health management system for your workplace.

More Resources
If an OSHA consultant is not right for you, the experts at Millhiser Smith Agency, Inc. have a variety of informative articles, checklists and sample audits to help you stay in compliance whether or not you’re on the list. OSHA compliance is a part of any successful, well-structured safety program, which saves your organization the high direct and indirect costs of ill and injured workers.

Am I on the List?
Didn’t see the letter in the mail, but want to be sure you’re not one of the workplaces that OSHA has identified with a high DART rate? OSHA’s website has a full list of the workplaces that received the letter and could be targeted for inspection.

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