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OSHA's "Focus Four"

OSHA's Focus Four are the four hazards that form the basis for the majority of workplace incidents.

They are:

Hazard	Definition	Examples
Fall Hazards	Anything that could cause a worker to lose balance and lead to a fall.	Unsecured scaffolding....Using items other than ladders for climbing....Unprotected roof edge
Caught-In or Caught-Between Hazards	When a worker is caught in or between two objects or two parts of a single object.	Excavation collapse....Caught in rotating equipment....Caught in unguarded parts of a machine
Struck By	When a worker is injured by contact with an object and the impact causes the injury.	Hit by dropped tools....Hit by a vehicle....Hit by a low-hanging fixture
Electrical Hazards	Exposure to a source of electricity that causes injury or fatality.	Contact with overhead power lines....Lightning strike....Poorly maintained power cords