

OSHA Region VIII Automotive Lift Inspections Mandate

SUMMARY:

Recently, federal OSHA Region VIII began targeting automotive dealerships and other automotive service and body shop facilities. These inspections are intended to identify possible unsafe work practices that may be in violation of federal OSHA safety standards. The OSHA Region VIII Local Emphasis Program (LEP) Directive Number 13-12 (CPL 04-05) will expire on September 30, 2013. OSHA Region VIII covers the states of Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming. Both Utah and Wyoming have state operated OSHA programs.

Compliance

Due to the aggressive enforcement program, ensure that the following regulations are being followed to remain compliant:

1. Ensure that all lifts have a properly functioning locking mechanism that will prevent the lift from collapse in the event of a pressure failure.
2. Ensure that all lifts have legibly posted information related to the load capacity, operating instructions, and other pertinent manufacturer information and warnings.
3. Ensure that all employees who use or may use lifts are provided with necessary lift safety training.
4. Ensure that lifts are periodically inspected by qualified inspectors annually.

Fines and audits are highly active in Colorado; ensure that you are compliant to avoid citations.

KPA RECOMMENDATIONS:

KPA has recently witnessed an unprecedented level of unannounced OSHA automotive related facility safety inspections. It appears automotive annual lift inspections and current technician automotive lift training are at the fore front of these inspections. Other areas of review include implementing a compliant Hazard Communication Program, Personal Protective Equipment Program, and Emergency Response Programs. This is not an exhaustive list of compliance issues targeted, but items that may represent the priorities of this LEP.

If you are a current KPA client, contact your KPA engineer with any questions that you may have concerning this OSHA LEP.

Environment & Safety compliance services are available from CADA Endorsed provider, KPA.

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