

McKnights Senior Living Features Findings of Firm's OSHA Inspections Tracker

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An article in *McKnights Senior Living* features some of the findings of the firm's <u>OSHA Inspections</u> <u>Tracker</u>, which is a first-of-its-kind interactive tool that provides the latest statistics on workplace safety inspections and helps determine the likelihood of a business being visited by OSHA inspectors based on its location, industry, and company size. The article links to the tracker and provides partners' reactions to the latest findings related to healthcare.

Kevin Troutman, co-chair of the firm's national Healthcare Industry Group explained that some of the findings were a bit unexpected. He said, "I was surprised that healthcare didn't account for a larger percentage of inspections, but that could be because OSHA was so focused on its 'vax or test' rule." But Kevin added that he thinks we will see an increase in OSHA healthcare inspections and that "they will account for a much larger percentage of the overall activity as the year progresses."

Travis Vance and **Todd Logsdon**, co-chairs of the firm's Workplace Safety and Catastrophe Practice Group, explained that there are a couple of reasons healthcare may have ranked lower than expected:

- First, the tracker has captured inspections in calendar year 2022. The healthcare ETS was withdrawn by OSHA in late December 2021. So, the ETS would not have been a factor in selecting healthcare locations for inspections during 2022.
- Second, as the COVID-19 cases have begun to decrease, we have anecdotally seen an increase in non-COVID-related inspections, which have typically been outside of healthcare.
- Third, when OSHA conducts an inspection under the Rapid Response Investigation (RRI)
 program where it contacts the employer via phone and emails a letter regarding a complaint and
 requesting a written response, those RRIs may not be reported by OSHA as an actual inspection
 with an accompanying inspection number.

To read the full article visit McKnights Senior Living.

The OSHA Inspections Tracker also received coverage in <u>Inside Health Policy</u>, <u>Hawaii Free Press</u>, and <u>EHS Safety News</u>.

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