

# Highest Fines 2023

## \$2.8M

**EMPLOYER:** Miracapo Pizza Co. LLC (dba Little Lady Foods)

**LOCATION:** Gurnee, IL

**BUSINESS TYPE:** Frozen food manufacturer

**INSPECTION TRIGGER:** Fatality

**EVENT:** A 29-year-old female sanitation worker, who was placed at the facility by a staffing agency, was found decapitated after using compressed air to clean a spiral conveyor as it moved to cool pizza. OSHA inspectors determined that temporary workers were neither trained nor given authority to stop moving equipment before cleaning.

## \$1.9M

**EMPLOYER:** Zwanenberg Food Group (USA) Inc.

**LOCATION:** Cincinnati

**BUSINESS TYPE:** Food processing plant

**INSPECTION TRIGGER:** Referral

**EVENT:** A 29-year-old temporary worker became caught in rotating paddle augers after falling into an industrial blender he was cleaning. He suffered critical injuries that necessitated a leg amputation. OSHA found that the company did not train sanitation workers to lock out equipment before cleaning and neglected to verify changes to its lockout/tagout procedures or retrain workers when changes occurred.

## \$1.2M

**EMPLOYER:** NOX US LLC

**LOCATION:** Fostoria, OH

**BUSINESS TYPE:** Vinyl tile manufacturer

**INSPECTION TRIGGER:** Referral

**EVENT:** A worker suffered numerous serious injuries that required surgery after being caught in a machine. An OSHA inspection found that the worker's body was pulled around the machine's spindle after the worker's finger got caught in a rotating spindle on a plastic winding machine.

## \$688K

**EMPLOYER:** ALJ Home Improvement Inc.

**LOCATION:** Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ (OSHA Region 2)

**BUSINESS TYPE:** Roofing contractor

**INSPECTION TRIGGER:** Planned

**EVENT:** During an inspection conducted under an OSHA Local Emphasis Program on falls in construction, an agency inspector observed three workers on a roof 18 feet above the ground without required fall protection.

## \$630K

**EMPLOYER:** Topflight Grain Cooperative Inc.

**LOCATION:** Atlanta, IL (OSHA Region 5)

**BUSINESS TYPE:** Farm product warehousing and storage

**INSPECTION TRIGGER:** Referral

**EVENT:** A 27-year-old worker cleaning a soybean bin suffered a partial amputation of his right leg. OSHA found that the company neglected to place a guard or cover over holes leading to a paddle conveyor in operation as three workers entered the bin. Topflight also failed to use guardrails or travel restraint systems to prevent workers from falling into the equipment.

## \$585K

**EMPLOYER:** Guelsin Lima (dba Extreme Roofing and Siding LLC)

**LOCATION:** Upper Saddle River, NJ (OSHA Region 2)

**BUSINESS TYPE:** Roofing contractor

**INSPECTION TRIGGER:** Planned

**EVENT:** As part of an inspection under an OSHA Local Emphasis Program on falls in construction, inspectors saw four workers without fall protection on a roof exposed to a 30-foot fall hazard. The agency also found violations on a residential construction site.

## \$576K

**EMPLOYER:** Dollar General Corp./Dolgenercorp LLC

**LOCATION:** Town Creek, AL (OSHA Region 4)

**BUSINESS TYPE:** Discount retailer

**INSPECTION TRIGGER:** Complaint

**EVENT:** OSHA inspectors found this Dollar General location put worker safety at risk via a series of violations and omissions.

## \$549K

**EMPLOYER:** Dollar General Corp./DG Retail LLC/Dollar General

**LOCATION:** Killdeer, ND (OSHA Region 8)

**BUSINESS TYPE:** Discount retailer

**INSPECTION TRIGGER:** Referral

**EVENT:** During a spate of OSHA inspections at multiple North Dakota Dollar General stores in late 2022, the agency found blocked exit routes, doors, fire extinguishers and electrical panels, as well as unsafely stacked merchandise.

## \$549K

**EMPLOYER:** Dollar General Corp./Dolgenercorp LLC

**LOCATION:** Tampa, FL (OSHA Region 4)

**BUSINESS TYPE:** Discount retailer

**INSPECTION TRIGGER:** Complaint

**EVENT:** Ongoing federal inspections of the discount chain found this location had blocked exit routes, doors, fire extinguishers and electrical panels.

## \$535K

**EMPLOYER:** Paramount Builders Ltd./Paramount Builders Inc.

**LOCATION:** Pago Pago, American Samoa (OSHA Region 9)

**BUSINESS TYPE:** Commercial and institutional building construction

**INSPECTION TRIGGER:** Planned

**EVENT:** OSHA found that Paramount Builders violated a number of rules and standards, including failure to use required guardrail and personal fall arrest systems; ensure workers use appropriate eye or face protection related to hazards from flying particles, liquid chemicals and chemical gases; and install equipment safely as instructed by the manufacturer.