



## *OSHA Statement Regarding Fake OSHA Cards*

### **New Jersey Trainer's Guilty Plea for Selling More Than 100 Cards**

### **Response from U.S. Department of Labor Regarding Fake OSHA Cards**

**WASHINGTON, DC** – The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) issued the following statement in response to a New Jersey safety trainer's guilty plea of selling more than 100 fraudulent training cards.

"OSHA's outreach training serves to educate workers about safety issues they will encounter on the jobsite," said OSHA Regional Administrator Richard Mendelson. "Falsifying documents not only undermines the program, it fails to protect workers on the job. OSHA will refer fraudulent activity to the Department of Labor's Office of Inspector General, and trainers caught falsifying information will be subject to criminal prosecution."

The [Outreach Training Program](#) trains workers on the recognition, avoidance, abatement, and prevention of workplace hazards. The voluntary program also provides information on workers' rights, employer responsibilities, and how to file a complaint.

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. OSHA's role is to help ensure these conditions for America's working men and women by setting and enforcing standards, and providing training, education and assistance. For more information, visit [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov).

OSHA requires strict adherence to training standards in order to provide an OSHA-10 Hour Construction Safety Card to a student. This includes the required class time and in person training. OSHA has been very clear about the requirements and requires trainers to update their training authorization every four years. Punishment for not following the requirements carries a maximum potential penalty of \$250,000 and up to five years in prison. More of this story can be read by clicking the link below.

<https://www.justice.gov/usao-nj/pr/training-agent-admits-selling-false-osha-training-cards>

Before hiring an authorized OSHA Trainer, a company should check the OSHA Trainer Watch List and ensure their selected trainer is not on it. The watch list may be accessed here: <https://www.osha.gov/dte/outreach/watchlist.html>

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