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The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has a new rule requiring employers to notify OSHA when an employee is killed on the job or suffers a work-related hospitalization, amputation or loss of an eye. Now employers must notify OSHA of work-related fatalities within 8 hours, and work-related in-patient hospitalizations, amputations or losses of an eye within 24 hours. The rule will go into effect on January 1, 2015.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that 4,405 workers were killed on the job in 2013. The new requirements will help OSHA focus its resources and hold employers accountable for preventing workplace injuries and deaths.

OSHA has also updated the list of industries that are exempt from the requirement to routinely keep injury and illness records. The new list is based on updated injury and illness data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.