

Protocols for Inspecting Health & Safety Procedures

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Accident Causes

“The Domino Theory”

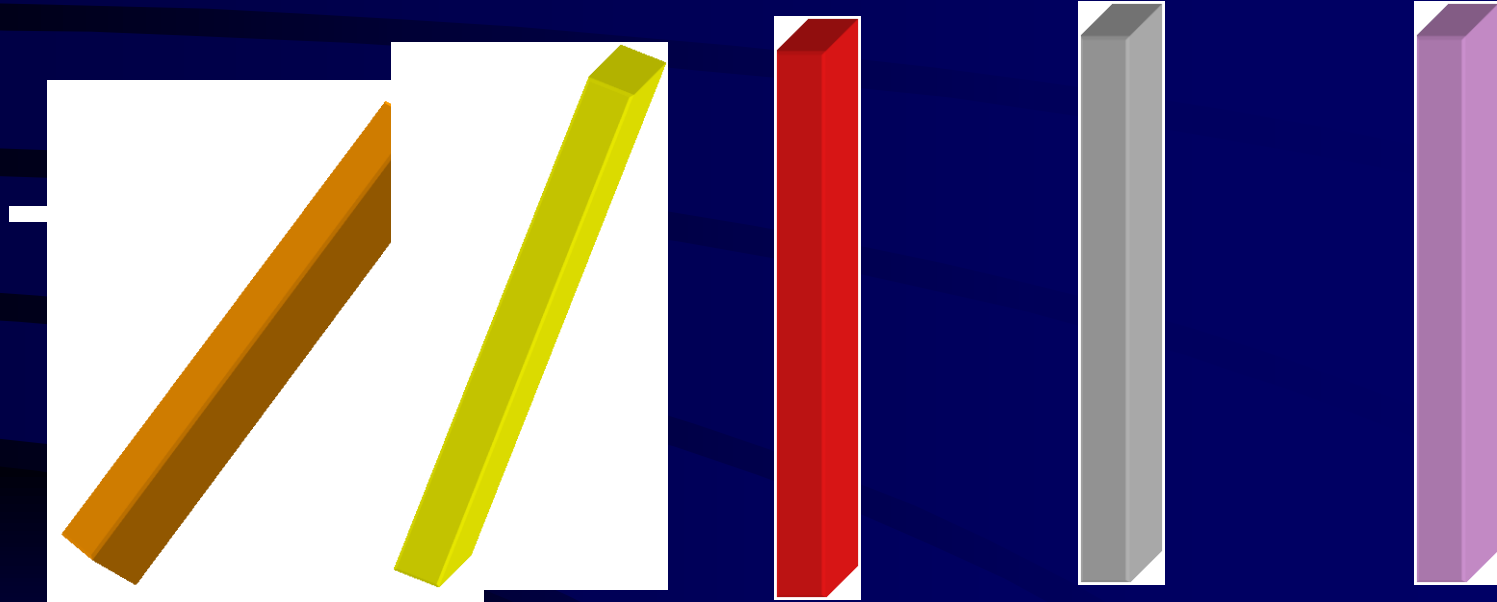
Lack of Control

Basic Causes

Immediate Causes

Contact

Loss



Unsafe Practices & Unsafe Conditions

Systems Approach to Prevention



Status Indicators, Incident Rates,
Metrics, Monitoring & Information from
Inspections, Audits, Investigation

Form

- **Series of Protocols**

Offices, Laboratories, Custodians,
Warehouses, Maintenance Shops

- **Two Parts**

- Applicability of Programs
- Inspection of Program Elements

OSHA-Required Programs

Emergency Action Plan, Portable Fire Extinguishers, Hazard Communication, Personal Protective Equipment, Respiratory Protection, Emergency Response, Hearing Conservation, Permit-Required Confined Spaces, Control of Hazardous Energy and Electrical, Powered Industrial Trucks, Ventilation, Fall Protection, Specific Substances (asbestos, lead, hexavalent chromium, formaldehyde, methylene chloride, etc.), Bloodborne Pathogens, Chemical Hygiene Plan, Employee Exposure Records . . .

Elements

- Written Procedure
 - Procedure vs Policy
- Training
 - Effective
- Records
- Others
 - Exposure monitoring, medical monitoring, testing, equipment, coordination

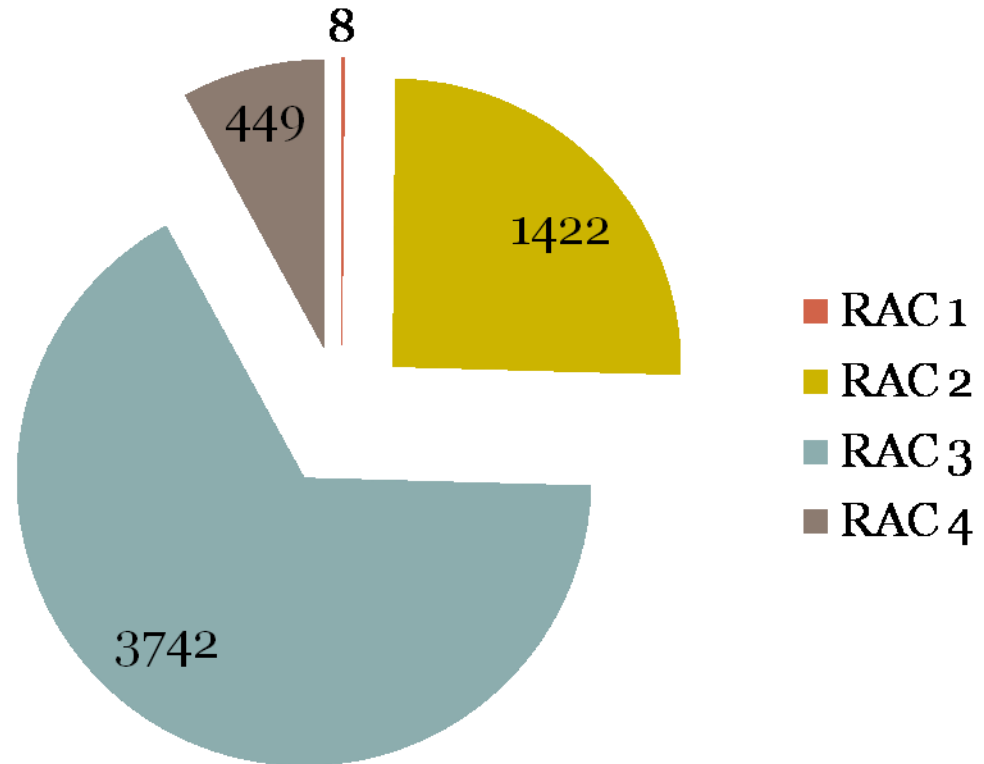
110th Congress Inspection Progress Report

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JAMES MADISON MEMORIAL BUILDING
6TH FLOOR WEST DINING ROOM**

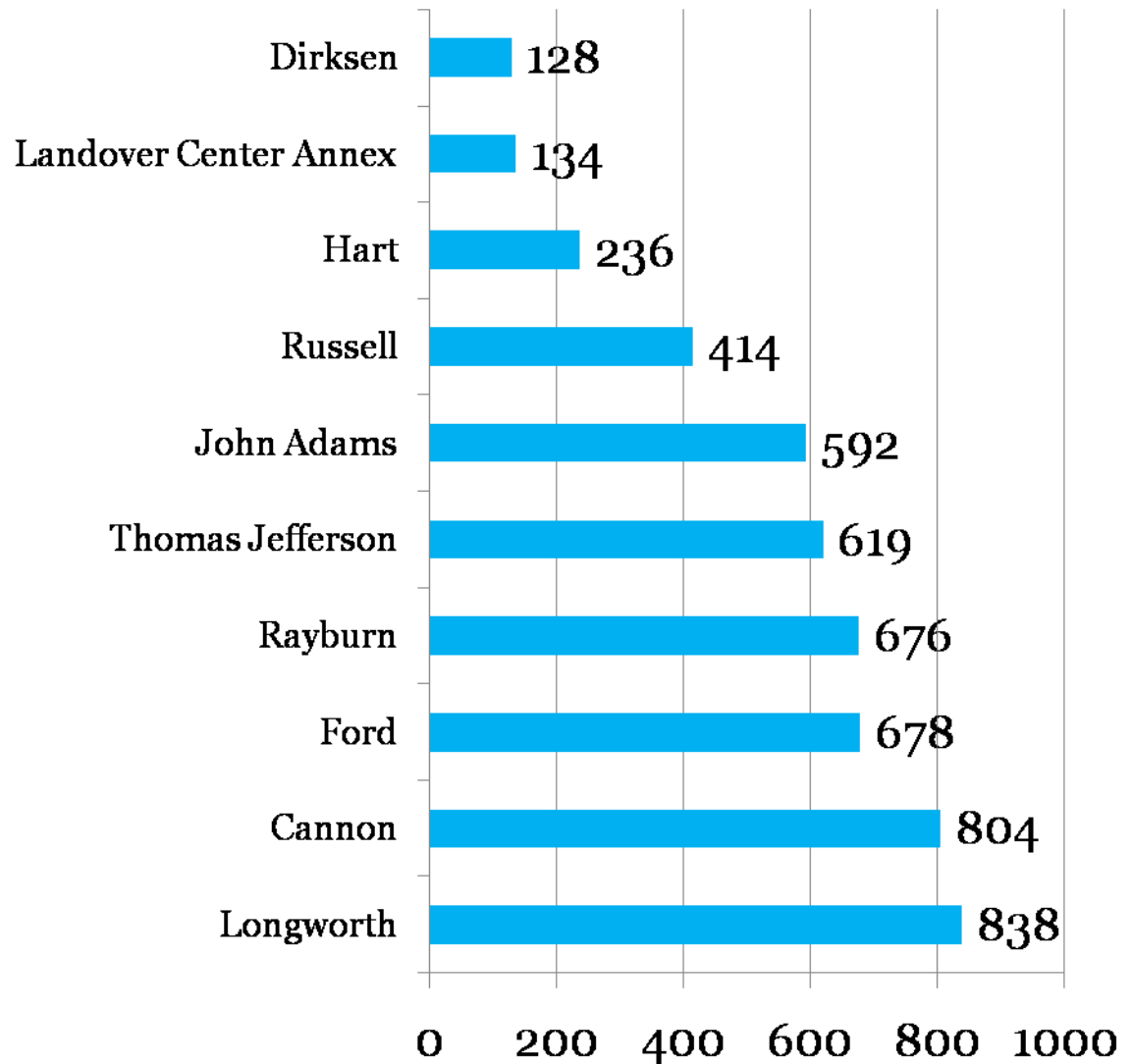
Distribution of Findings by Risk Assessment Code

The chart to the right shows the distribution of findings and their associated RAC level. 5,621 hazard findings have been identified thus far in the 110th Congress.



Distribution of Findings in Buildings

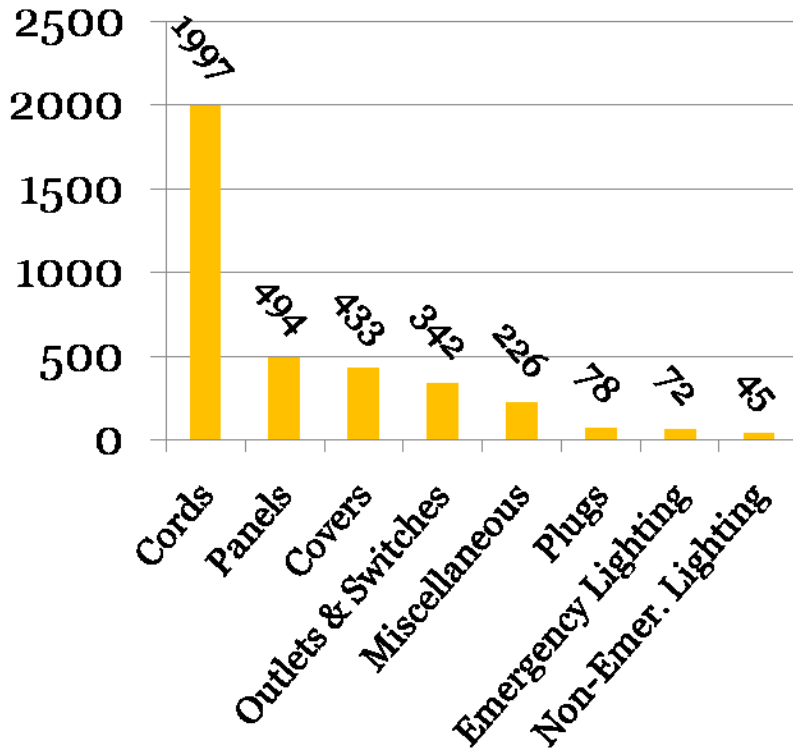
This is not an exhaustive list of list of buildings the OOC has inspected, the OOC is well of 50% complete with its inspections. Also, the OOC still has significant portions of the Rayburn, Dirksen, Hart, and Russell buildings to inspect by the end of the Congress.



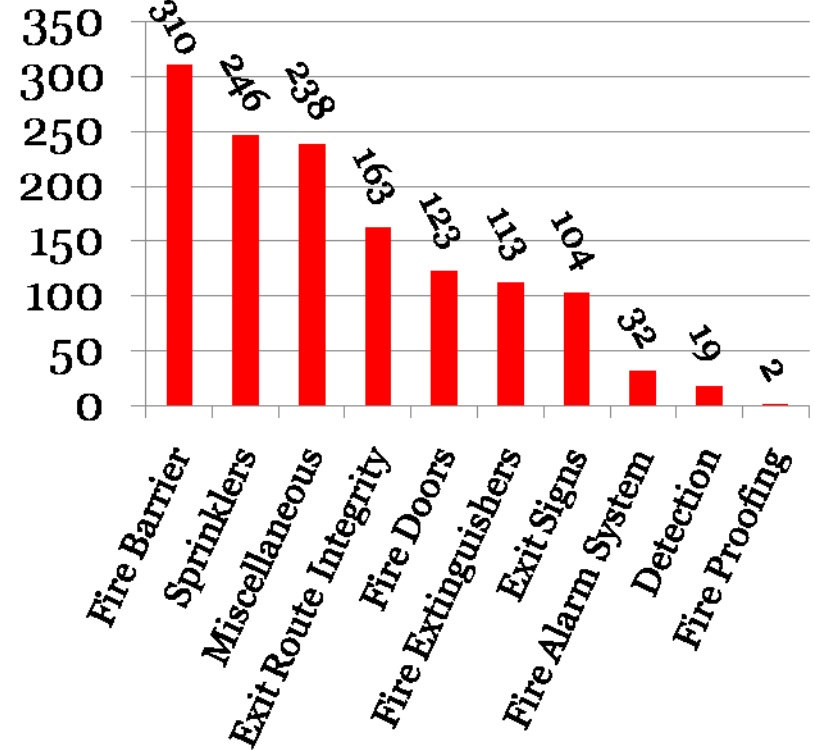
Common Findings

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Electrical Hazards

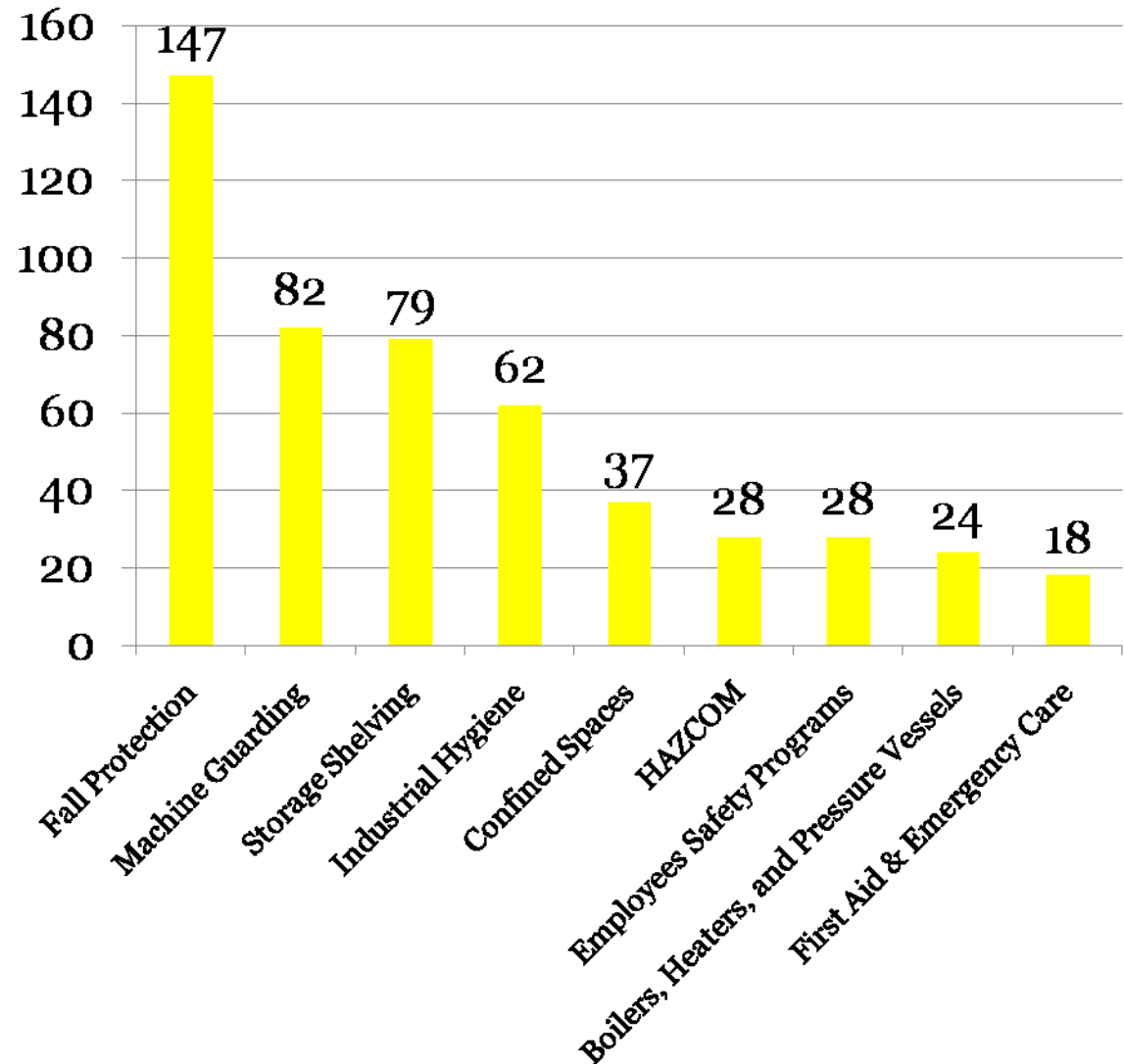


Fire Safety Hazards



Additional Common Findings Identified in the 110th Congress

Other significant types of hazards identified thus far in the 110th Congress Inspection include the following.



OOC Has Issued 9 Notices of Serious Deficiency Needing Prompt Attention

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Methylene Chloride (8)



Unsecured Acetylene Cylinders (1)



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- Abatement Information is currently being updated in the OOC's Tracking Database
- Upcoming Inspections include:
 - Rayburn House Office Building
 - James Madison Memorial Building
 - GAO Building
 - Senate Committee Offices
 - Botanical Gardens
- The OOC continues to work toward distributing *Hazard Summary Reports* in a timely manner

Updates Since 109th Congress

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- Fewer hazards identified in the 110th Congress than the 109th Congress
 - Fewer findings over all
 - Findings in member offices half what they were before (avg.)
- Abating hazards quickly
- Proactive initiatives by employing offices in pre-inspection phase and during inspections