



The Department of Labor Standards (DLS) conducts safety and health inspections in public sector workplaces. These inspections are conducted in response to reports of imminent danger, accidents, complaints, voluntary requests, and planned programmed initiatives to address high-injury activities.

DLS plans the following planned programmed inspections in FY2019 and FY2020:

## Aerial Lift Trucks

**Typical Departments:** Parks and Recreation; Municipal Light

**Purpose of Inspection:** Prevent fatality caused by ejection out of platform

**Focus of Inspection:** Fall Protection; work zone set up to prevent truck getting hit by other vehicles; and operator training.

**Accident history in Massachusetts public sector:** Three fatal accidents FY2008-2013; an additional 10 nonfatal accidents were investigated by DLS in FY2016-2018.

## Crossing Guards

**Typical Departments:** School or Police, depending upon municipality

**Purpose of Inspection:** Prevent fatality caused by struck by vehicle

**Focus of Inspection:** Signs; crosswalk markings; STOP paddle; high-visibility clothing; training; Speed enforcement

**Accident history in Massachusetts public sector:** Three fatal accidents FY2013-2019; an additional 20 nonfatal incidents were investigated in FY2016-2018 by DLS.

## Firefighters

**Typical Departments:** Fire Departments

**Purpose of Inspection:** Prevent fatality caused by cancer

**Focus of Inspection:** SCBA respirator program; PPE use, cleaning and storage; bloodborne pathogens

**Accident history in Massachusetts public sector:** In FY2016-2018, 24 LODD due to cancer reported in Massachusetts, and six LODD cardiac events.

## Ladders

**Typical Departments:** Public Works, Drinking Water, Wastewater, School

**Purpose of Inspection:** Prevent injury caused by falling off ladder

**Focus of Inspection:** Ladder condition; training

**Accident history in Massachusetts public sector:** In FY2017-2018, 30 injuries from ladder falls investigated by DLS; one fatal.



### Trenches

**Typical Departments:** Public Works, Drinking Water, Wastewater

**Purpose of Inspection:** Prevent fatality caused by trench collapse

**Focus of Inspection:** Cave-in protection; daily inspection by Competent Person

**Accident history in Massachusetts public sector:** In FY2017-2018, 10 trench collapse incidents investigated by DLS, all nonfatal.

### Wastewater Treatment Plants

**Typical Departments:** Wastewater

**Purpose of Inspection:** Prevent injury caused by machinery, lack of railings

**Focus of Inspection:** machine guarding; electrical; floors and railings

**Accident history in Massachusetts public sector:** In FY2017-2018, 12 accidents investigated by DLS, all nonfatal.

For each category of planned program inspections, a representative number of sites will be selected each year based on region and potential for hazardous conditions. A planned program inspection is not voluntary.

For questions about safety inspections conducted by the Department of Labor Standards, visit our website [mass.gov/dols/wshp](http://mass.gov/dols/wshp), call (508) 6169-0461 x9488, or email [safepublicworkplace@mass.gov](mailto:safepublicworkplace@mass.gov).