New OSHA Regulations Increase Employers' Reporting Responsibilities

A new rule issued by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration will significantly increase the type of injuries that must be reported to the agency.

A report in *The National Law Review* says that the new rule will require employers to notify OSHA of any workplace fatalities within eight hours and to report all hospitalizations, plus any injuries that result in amputations or loss of an eye within 24 hours.

The rule will go into effect on Jan. 1, 2015, for workplaces under federal OSHA jurisdiction, *The National Law Review* reports. OSHA is encouraging States with OSHA-approved job safety and health programs to implement the new requirements by the same date, but employers will need to verify State plan changes or contact legal counsel for more information.

Read the story.