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Safety Tips For Construction Workers

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Summary:

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Article Body:

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- A quarter of a million workers suffer injuries resulting in lost work days
- Construction accidents cost the industry \$13 billion in workers compensation cost alone

OSHA statistics also show that 90% of the fatalities occur in four categories

- Caught between objects
- Struck by objects
- Electrocution
- Falls

These accidents are, therefore, preventable and can be avoided with the proper safety training

Construction work can indeed be dangerous. The line between a near miss and a fatality is thin

Government regulators and inspectors cannot be present at construction sites at all times and,

With the proper safety training, awareness of your rights and responsibilities, and vigilance

- Take advantage of training programs provided by your employer, your union, and your safety s
- Observe safety rules and regulations at all times.
- Know your equipment and use them correctly.
- Wear and use the right personal protective equipment at all times.
- Use proper barriers and guards always.
- Don't take short cuts with fire, electrical, or fall protection safety equipment.
- Be sure to crib, block and secure all loads as soon as possible.
- Take the time to do the job correctly.
- Report unsafe work conditions.
- Refuse to work in unsafe conditions.
- Watch a free construction safety video online by visiting <http://www.osha-slc.gov/SLTC/video>
- Above all, be alert. It's your life and health that is at risk.

If you notice a hazardous situation at work you should bring it to the immediate attention of

To report an emergency, fatality, or imminent life threatening situation to OSHA call 1-800-32

To report other unsafe work conditions contact your local OSHA regional office. You can file a

File online: <http://www.osha.gov/pls/osha7/eComplaintForm.html>

Complaint form: <http://www.osha.gov/oshforms/osha7.pdf>

OSHA Regional Offices: <http://www.osha.gov/html/RAmap.html>

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