

Construction Safety



Safe workplaces are Sound businesses

Resources to find and fix construction hazards

Frequent OSHA Citations Construction

□ Lack of Fall Protection

Activities 6 feet or more above lower levels

Unprotected sides and edges

Work on low-slope roofs

Scaffolds more than 10 feet above a lower level

Ladder side rails do not extend at least 3 feet above the upper landing surface

- ☐ Lack of Personal Protective Equipment Eye, face, head
- ☐ General Safety and Health

 Lack of frequent or regular inspections of job sites, materials, and equipment by a competent person

Source: OSHA Information System (OIS), 2011-2017. NAICS code 23.

Frequent Sources of Injury Construction

- Struck by object
- ☐ Falls, slips, trips
 Fall to lower level
 Fall to same level
- ☐ Overexertion/bodily reaction
 Lifting or lowering
- ☐ Transportation

 Roadway incidents motorized vehicles
- Exposure to harmful substances or environments

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2011-2015, NAICS 23.

Resources for Controlling Hazards

CPWR – The Center for Construction Research and Training – is a non-profit dedicated to reducing injuries, illnesses, and fatalities in the construction industry through research, training, and service programs conducted in partnership with industry stakeholders, health and safety professionals, academic researchers, and key government agencies.

General Resources

- CPWR website (www.cpwr.com)
- Electronic Library of Construction Occupational Safety & Health (http://www.elcosh.org/index.php)
- Practical control measures to reduce or eliminate construction hazards
 (www.cpwrconstructionsolutions.org) and return on investment calculator
 (www.safecalc.org)
- An online tool to help a contractor understand and improve their company's safety climate (www.safetyclimateassessment.org)

Resources for Specific Hazards

- Silica: Information on silica hazards and controls, including a free tool to create a silica exposure control plan (www.silica-safe.org)
- Falls: The Campaign to Prevent Falls in Construction offers training materials, reports, success stories, and more (www.stopconstructionfalls.com)
- Hand Injuries: Information on the risks and ways to prevent hand injuries (www.choosehandsafety.org)
- Nail Guns: Research and related materials on nail gun injuries and work practices that reduce the risk (<u>www.nailgunfacts.org</u>)

Training & Other Resources

- Foundations for Safety Leadership, an approved OSHA 30-hour elective module (http://www.cpwr.com/foundations-safety-leadership-fsl)
- Safety Culture & Safety Climate Worksheets and Rating Tool (http://www.cpwr.com/safety-culture)
- Toolbox Talks (http://www.cpwr.com/publications/toolbox-talks)
- Hazard Alert Cards (http://www.cpwr.com/publications/hazard-alert-cards)
- Infographics (noise, falls, etc.) (http://www.cpwr.com/research/infographics)
- The Construction Chart Book (http://www.cpwr.com/publications/construction-chart-book)
- Quarterly Data Reports (http://www.cpwr.com/publications/cpwr-quarterly-data-reports-data-briefs)