Nine Basic Construction Safety Rules Stats and Facts

FACTS

1. Every employer is responsible for safeguarding the health and safety of their staff irrespective of the industry and the nature of work being performed.
2. The construction industry continues to face high rates of fatal and non-fatal injuries and accidents among its workers.
3. Over 60 percent of construction accidents occur within an employee’s first year of work, highlighting the need for proactive, high-quality training. [BLS]

STATS

- The “Fatal Four” leading causes of construction deaths (falls, struck by equipment, caught in between, and electrocutions) account for over 60 percent of all construction-related deaths. [OSHA]
- One in five deaths among U.S. workers is in the construction industry. [OSHA]
- A total of 1,061 construction workers died on the job in 2019. [BLS]
- In 2018, there were 195,600 cases of injuries in the construction sector. [BLS]
- Construction workers age 25-34 are more likely to be injured on the job.
- In 2019, construction workers ages 25-34 were most likely to sustain an injury on the job. [NSC]
- Fatal construction injuries are estimated to cost the United States $5 billion each year in health care, lost income, reduced quality of life, and lost production. [Midwest EPI]
- The total annual cost of all construction injuries in the United States is more than $11.5 billion. [NIH]

- 20 percent of worker deaths in the United States are in construction, but construction workers make up only 6 percent of the U.S. labor force.
- 67 percent of construction workers feel that standards are higher for productivity than for safety. [EHS Today]
- 55 percent of workers believe they need more safety training, and 25 percent worry about being injured every day. [360 Training]