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]