

## Common Unsafe Behaviors in Construction



### Common Examples of Unsafe Behaviors in the Construction Industry

The examples of unsafe behaviors found on a construction site can be a long one. Some common unsafe behaviors that are found in the construction industry include:

- Not wearing the necessary personal protective equipment during a work task.
- Taking shortcuts that compromise safety in an attempt to save time.
- Using a cellphone while completing other work tasks such as operating equipment.
- Not wearing a seatbelt when operating a motor vehicle or heavy equipment.
- Taking part in horseplay.
- Taking part in work tasks without training.

Unsafe behaviors in the construction industry can result in a fatality in a hurry. It is critical that each worker avoids taking part in unsafe behaviors.

### Ways to Limit Unsafe Behaviors

- Hold yourself to a high standard when it comes to working safely.
- Be a good example for your coworkers, especially if you are a leader in the workplace. If your coworkers see you following the rules, they are more likely to follow the rules as well.
- Stop work anytime a coworker's actions are putting themselves or others at risk.
- Talk with coworkers you see working unsafe. If you do not feel comfortable having the conversation yourself, bring it up to a supervisor.

### Summary

Unsafe behaviors do not only affect the person who is not working safely. These behaviors will eventually lead to injuries or property loss incidents. When serious injuries occur, it has a negative effect on everyone working in that workplace. Hold yourself and your coworkers to a high standard when it comes to working safely. It can make all the difference in preventing a serious injury or fatality.

### Discussion point:

1. What are some unsafe behaviors found on our site?
2. What are some other things we can do to help prevent unsafe behaviors?

