

## **10 Important Factors to Prevent a Construction Accident**

According to statistics, construction sites are included in the most dangerous workplaces on earth. This is because of the thousands of construction accidents that happen each year. What's unfortunate is that most of these accidents happen because of negligence and carelessness.

If you work on a construction site and you want to avoid such accidents, consider these 10 important safety factors:

1. Safe scaffolding – When constructing scaffolds, make sure it can carry enough weight. A scaffold should have no unstable parts.
2. Protection from falls – Construction workers should use platforms and other aerial lifts to reduce the risks of falling.
3. Ladder safety – Make sure the type of ladder in use suits the need of the operation. Ladder handles should be kept clean.
4. Accident-free stairways – Any dangerous object or thing that may cause slip and fall accidents should be kept away from stairways.
5. Secured trenches – Trenches should have enough pillars to avoid collapsing.
6. Crane operations – There should be enough space for cranes to operate.
7. Hazardous substance handling – Construction employees should first read the manuals of hazardous substances before handling them.
8. Forklift operator trainings – In order to reduce the occurrence of accidents, forklift operators should be well-trained.
9. Hard-hat policy – Hard-hats should be required for everyone inside the construction premises. That includes the employer.
10. General safety checklist – The boss should facilitate in putting up warning signs, imposing construction site policies, etc.

If you and your company take note of these things, you will have greater chances of preventing construction accidents at work. However, if an accident still took place and

you suffered injuries, you should seek legal help right away. In a construction accident, some of the common injuries include:

- Severe burns because of electrocution
- Cuts and bruises
- Head injuries
- Broken bones

If you want to recover from your losses, you better hire a Los Angeles construction accident lawyer for your case. However, you should not get just any attorney, but one who specializes in resolving construction accident cases.