Nationwide, there were 291 fatal falls in construction in 2013, most of which were preventable.

Struck by an object, electrocution, falls, slips, and trips, caught in/between objects or equipment.

8% 8% 40% 4%

Amid a construction surge in New York City, there has been an alarming increase in the number of construction worker injuries.

NYC CONSTRUCTION WORKER INJURIES AND FATALITIES

Unsecured workers on roofs, holes, leading edges or skylights. Cluttered, broken or loose flooring. Scaffolding collapses. Unsecured ladders. Slippery surfaces.

Falls in construction can be caused by:

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From 2011 to 2015, the rate of construction worker deaths more than doubled in New York City.

In FY 2014, 324 construction workers were injured in New York, a 52% increase from the year before.

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Other Ways Construction Workers Are Injured

- Eye injuries
- Hearing loss
- Exposure to poisonous plants
- Heat stroke
- Chemical exposure

Hurt in a construction work accident? Call for a free consultation.

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https://www.osha.gov/injuriesfacts/
www.kaplanlawyers.com/construction-accidents