

# NYC CONSTRUCTION WORKER INJURIES AND FATALITIES

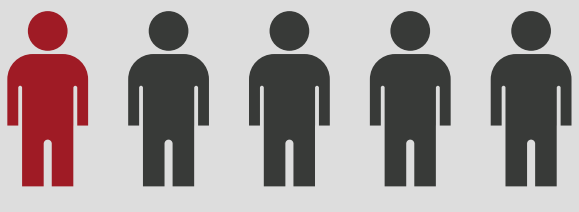
Amid a construction surge in New York City, there has been an alarming increase in the number of construction worker injuries.

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

Around **one-fourth** of these deaths occurred in Midtown.

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

## HOW CONSTRUCTION WORKERS ARE KILLED ON THE JOB



One out of every five worker deaths in the United States are in construction. OSHA calls the top four causes of construction worker fatalities the "Fatal Four." They are:

STRUCK BY AN OBJECT



8%

ELECTROCUTION



8%

FALLS, SLIPS AND TRIPS



40%

CAUGHT IN/BETWEEN OBJECTS OR EQUIPMENT



4%

Falls in construction can be caused by:

- Unsecured workers on roofs
- Holes, leading edges or skylights
- Cluttered, broken or loose flooring
- Scaffolding collapses
- Unsecured Ladders
- Slippery surfaces



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

Falls can be prevented by proper planning, training and use of safety equipment. All workers should be provided personal fall arrest systems (PFAS), including a harness and an anchoring system.

Employers should regularly inspect workplace conditions for worker safety hazards. All employees should be trained to identify and avoid risk factors on construction sites.



## OTHER WAYS CONSTRUCTION WORKERS ARE INJURED



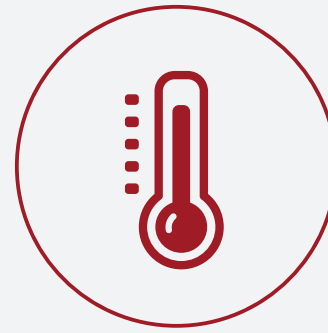
Eye Injuries



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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### Resources:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2015/11/27/nyregion/rise-in-new-york-construction-deaths-strikes-the-poor-and-undocumented.html>

<https://www.osha.gov/oshstats/commonstats.html>

<https://www.osha.gov/stopfalls>

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