

Construction – Falls, The Construction Site Killer.

Here are some common myths about the most frequent construction site killer -

#1 – “Residential contractors don’t get hurt as often, or as badly, as commercial workers.”

WRONG! One third of construction workers that fell to their deaths worked in residential construction.

#2 – “You’ll only die if you fall from a very high point – short falls can’t kill you.”

WRONG! 50% of the workers that lost their lives from falls fell from a height of 20 feet or less.

#3 – “The more experience I have, the less chance I have of falling.”

WRONG! The average age of workers that lost their lives in falls is **47!**

#4 – “Working safely is a costly project – we simply can’t afford to.”

WRONG! When compared to the cost of a fall injury – there is no comparison what-so-ever.

#5 – “Fall protection equipment is difficult to wear and hinders my ability to work.”

Fall protection equipment (PPE & site components) is improving every year. How would being injured affect your ability to do your job?

New anchors, supports, guard rails and retractable lifelines have made fall protection more comfortable and easier to use than ever.

