



**FRIDAY, 5/9/2025 TOOLBOX TALK:**

# **FOCUS FOUR HAZARDS**

OSHA's "Focus Four" hazards cause most construction fatalities: Falls, Struck-By, Caught-In/Between, and Electrocutions. Knowing how to prevent them can save lives.

## **1. FALLS**

The leading cause of death in construction.

### **PREVENTION:**

- Use fall protection (PFAS, guardrails, nets)
- Secure ladders and scaffolds
- Cover and mark floor holes
- Keep work surfaces clean and dry

## **3. CAUGHT-IN / BETWEEN HAZARDS**

Crushing or pinning injuries from equipment or collapses.

### **PREVENTION:**

- Never enter unprotected trenches >5 feet deep
- Use lockout/tagout during maintenance
- Stay clear of moving parts and pinch points
- Maintain distance from heavy equipment

## **2. STRUCK-BY HAZARDS**

Involve moving vehicles, falling tools, or flying debris.

### **PREVENTION:**

- Wear high-visibility clothing
- Stay clear of moving equipment
- Use hard hats and eye protection
- Secure tools and materials at height

## **4. ELECTROCUTION**

Caused by power lines, live wires, or damaged tools.

### **PREVENTION:**

- Identify all power sources before work begins
- Maintain at least 10 feet from overhead lines
- Inspect all cords and tools before use
- Use GFCIs for temporary power
- Only qualified electricians should handle energized equipment

## **ACTION STEPS**

- Stay alert to these four major hazards
- Use the right PPE and equipment
- Report unsafe conditions immediately

**Let's work together to  
keep everyone safe.**