

# BWC Update

Safety news from the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation

## Avoid slips, trips and falls, once and for all

Slips, trips and falls account for most of the workers' compensation claims that cause Ohio construction workers to miss eight or more days of work.

Tragically, these accidents sometimes result in the death of a worker. In Ohio's construction industry, about 22 deaths occur every year due to illnesses and occupational injuries sustained on the job.

There are a number of steps employers in the construction industry can take to minimize hazards that can contribute to injuries and fatalities. These include:

- Conducting work site and job assessments to identify hazardous areas;
- Ensuring proper use of ladders, scaffolds, man lifts and other fall protection equipment;
- Providing training on fall protection, fall protection plans and fall arrest systems.

BWC offers a variety of safety and health services that can assist your business in addressing hazardous workplace conditions and improve the safety of your workers.

These services, such as online and in-person training courses, expert consultations, videos and safety grants, are available to you at no additional cost. Additionally, BWC's recommended control measures and services can help protect your workers from other common workplace dangers, including:

- Airborne dust, fumes and vapors;
- Confined spaces;
- Overexertion, repetitive motion or trauma;
- Getting struck by objects.

Businesses that have used our safety services in the past have reduced the amount of injury claims in the area of intervention. These preventative measures will go a long way in raising the productivity and morale of the employees in your company.

More information is available about preventing injuries in the construction industry by [clicking here](#). Connect with a BWC safety consultant at 1-866-569-7805 or via email at [besafe@ohiobwc.com](mailto:besafe@ohiobwc.com).