

BWC Update

Construction industry news from the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation

Never strikeout with BWC

Getting hit by an object or striking against one is a particular concern in the construction industry, where many materials can cause serious injuries or even death. Staying vigilant and following safety procedures are the best ways to avoid collisions. Unfortunately, unavoidable accidents do occur, often when least expected.

BWC has several recommendations on how to reduce the risk of getting struck by/striking against objects. These include:

- Installing roll-over protective systems on mobile equipment;
- Providing back-up alarms or spotters to assist equipment operators during backing maneuvers;
- Prohibiting employees from entering barricaded areas;
- Providing hard hats for falling object hazards or head bump hazards.

BWC also has resources that your company can use to educate workers about hazards on the job, and safety measures that they can take. These include:

- Training courses on machine guarding, temporary traffic and crane rigging;
- Videos on how to avoid runovers and backovers, flagger safety, and rigging and lifting tips.
- Safety talks on hard hats, safety shoes, and safe crane operation;
- Safety consulting services.

BWC's recommended control measures and services can help to protect your workers from other construction industry safety hazards such as:

- Airborne dust, fumes and vapors;
- Confined spaces;
- Overexertion, repetitive motion or trauma;
- Slips, trips and falls.

For more information, connect with a BWC safety consultant at 1-866-569-7805 or via email at besafe@ohiobwc.com.

