

Construction Safety Checklist

A construction site safety checklist covering hazards, PPE, fall protection, training and emergency readiness.

Safety program and documentation

- ☐ Maintain a written, site-specific safety and health plan.
- ☐ Post emergency contacts, the OSHA poster and permits on site.
- ☐ Assign a competent person for high-risk activities.
- ☐ Keep safety data sheets accessible for all hazardous materials.
- ☐ Log incidents, near misses and corrective actions.
- ☐ Schedule regular safety walks and document findings.

These items are general guidance and do not replace OSHA standards or a competent person's judgment.

Personal protective equipment (PPE)

- ☐ Confirm hard hats are worn in all designated areas.
- ☐ Require safety glasses or face shields where hazards exist.
- ☐ Provide and require high-visibility clothing near traffic and equipment.
- ☐ Issue cut-resistant or task-appropriate gloves.
- ☐ Verify hearing protection in high-noise zones.
- ☐ Check that respiratory protection is available and fit-tested where needed.

Fall protection

- ☐ Guard or cover all floor openings, edges and skylights.
- ☐ Provide guardrails or personal fall arrest systems above required heights.
- ☐ Inspect harnesses, lanyards and anchor points before each use.
- ☐ Confirm ladders are rated, secured and used correctly.
- ☐ Verify scaffolds are erected and inspected by a competent person.
- ☐ Restrict access to areas with unprotected fall hazards.

Site and hazard controls

- ☐ Lock out and tag out energized equipment before service.
- ☐ Protect and identify all electrical cords, panels and outlets.
- ☐ Shore, bench or slope excavations and trenches as required.
- ☐ Keep walkways, stairs and exits clear of debris and trip hazards.
- ☐ Store flammables and chemicals safely and label containers.
- ☐ Maintain machine guards and confirm equipment is inspected.

Training and communication

- ☐ Run a safety orientation for every new worker on site.
- ☐ Hold regular toolbox talks on current and upcoming tasks.
- ☐ Verify task-specific training and certifications are current.
- ☐ Communicate hazards through signage, barricades and tags.
- ☐ Confirm workers know how to report hazards and incidents.
- ☐ Document attendance and topics for all safety training.

Emergency preparedness

- ☐ Post and brief the site evacuation plan and assembly points.
- ☐ Stock and inspect first aid kits and emergency supplies.
- ☐ Identify trained first aid and CPR responders on site.
- ☐ Maintain fire extinguishers and confirm clear access.
- ☐ Establish procedures for severe weather and site shutdown.
- ☐ Keep emergency vehicle access routes clear at all times.