

Factsheet

Fall-related Injuries in Construction

Safety Pays, Falls Cost.

More construction workers die from falls than from any other on-the-job injury in the United States. Workers in construction trades often work from heights, and almost two-thirds of fatal construction falls in the U.S. were from roofs, scaffolds, and ladders. Fatalities and the many non-fatal injuries caused by falls each year can be prevented.¹

FATAL FALL INJURIES

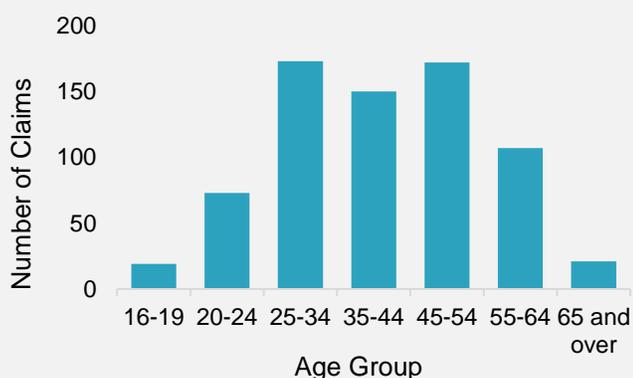
- From 2008 to 2012, 8 fatal work injuries in Nebraska were due to falls among workers in the construction industry, which was 19% of the 42 total fatalities in construction.²

NON-FATAL FALL INJURIES

- From 2008 to 2012, 715 non-fatal fall injuries among workers in Nebraska's construction industry were reported to workers' compensation.³
- 84% of the non-fatal fall injuries in construction were among males.³
- Workers aged 25 to 34 years old in construction experienced the most non-fatal fall injuries (24% of injuries).³
- Falls from ladders or scaffolding represented 18% of non-fatal construction fall injuries reported to workers compensation.³

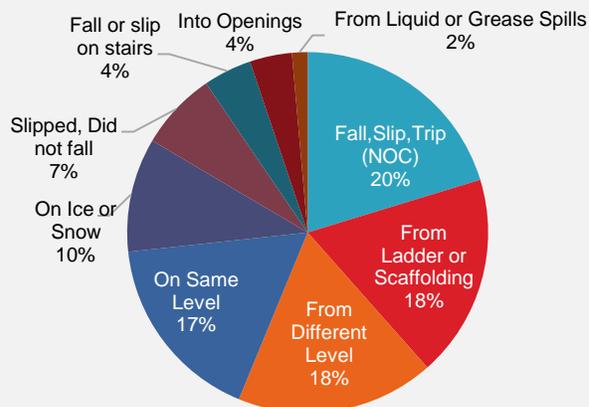


Number of non-fatal construction fall injuries reported to workers' compensation by age group, Nebraska, 2008-2012



Source: Nebraska Workers' Compensation Claims

Percent of non-fatal construction fall injuries reported to workers' compensation by cause of fall, Nebraska, 2008-2012 (n=715)

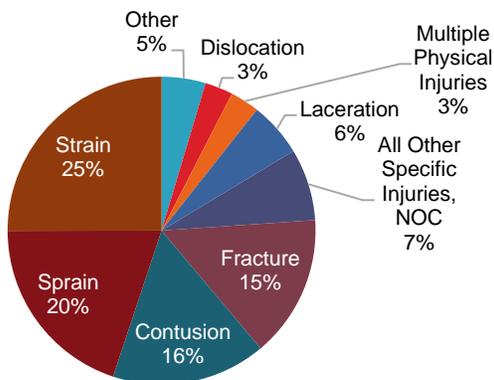


NOC=Not otherwise classified

Source: Nebraska Workers' Compensation Claims

NON-FATAL INJURIES BY NATURE OF INJURY

Percent of non-fatal construction fall injuries reported to workers' compensation by nature of injury, Nebraska, 2008–2012 (n=715)

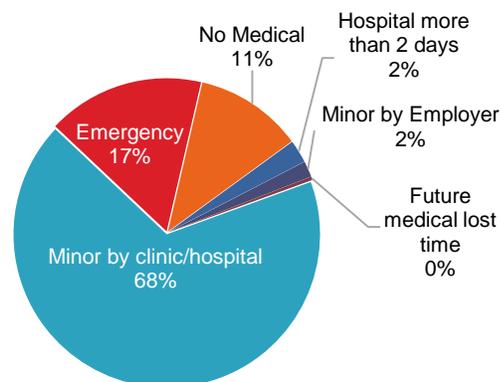


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NON-FATAL INJURIES BY TREATMENT OF INJURY

Percent of non-fatal construction fall injuries reported to workers' compensation by initial treatment, Nebraska, 2008–2012 (n=537)*



*Initial treatment was unknown for 173 injuries.

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PREVENTING CONSTRUCTION FALLS

Falls in construction can be prevented.

Contractors and workers can plan together to work safely at heights. Providing the right equipment for working at heights is important, and workers need to use that equipment. Contractors and workers also need to be trained to use the equipment and to work safely.

Remember these three important steps to prevent construction falls:

- PLAN** ahead to get the job done safely.
- PROVIDE** the right equipment.
- TRAIN** everyone to use the equipment safely.

REFERENCES

1. CDC, Campaign to Prevent Falls in Construction Website. <http://www.cdc.gov/features/preventingfalls/>
2. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Census of Occupational Fatal Injuries (CFOI).
3. Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court, Workers' Compensation Claims Data (Nebraska residents).

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

For fatality maps, brochures, and training resources for preventing falls from roofs, scaffolding, and ladders, visit the Stop Construction Falls Campaign website at <http://stopconstructionfalls.com/>

National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health - Falls in Construction website
<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/construction/stopfalls.html>

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