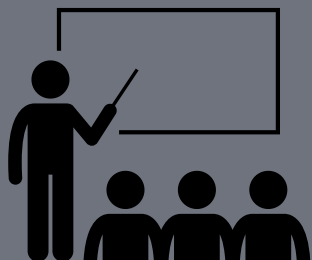
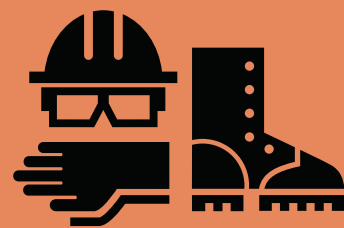


OTW SAFETY CHEAT SHEET: REDUCING COMMON CONSTRUCTION SITE HAZARDS

1

PROPER PPE

Providing proper PPE is the responsibility of the employer, but it is up to the employee to wear the appropriate items correctly! Items such as gloves, hard hats, and safety glasses will help prevent bodily harm such as eye damage, Hand Arm Vibration Syndrome (a collection of sensory, vascular, and musculoskeletal symptoms caused by repetitive trauma from vibration, National Institute of Health), and more



ADEQUATE SAFETY TRAINING

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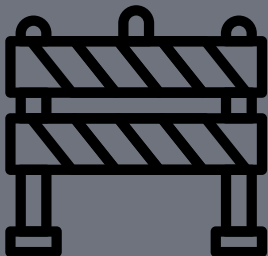
Safety training should include a variety of hazards that one might encounter in their given profession. In the case of work zones, it's imperative that training covers all heavy equipment, manufacturing machinery, or smaller power tools, working from elevated heights, and proper PPE care and use. Many of the accidents that happen are preventable with *proper knowledge of safety measures due to comprehensive training.*

3

DIRECTIONAL AND HAZARD SIGNAGE

Ensuring that hazards are signaled in apparent ways helps keep workers, visitors, and equipment alike safe. This includes where people are working at elevated heights, where there are moving objects present (e.g. active heavy equipment), holes or trenches, and more.

TIP: Proactively enacting safety measures is setting a construction site up for success – something every individual on site wants.



BARRICADING WORK AREAS

4

Barricades, when used appropriately, are instrumental in helping to prevent serious injury at construction sites. This is incredibly important for maintaining good levels of safety. The bright colors and reflective sheeting of large water-filled construction barriers help deter accidents like slips and falls in hazardous areas and prevent motorists from enter prohibited areas. Where space is limited, smaller options like vertical panels are available to help alert personnel to hazards or contain cables.