

Construction Safety Calendar

The Construction Safety Calendar provides a year's worth of topics and best practices for contractors to use as part of their daily safety talks, as a discussion aid during safety meetings and as an awareness tool for new employees.

The challenge

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), the construction industry has one of the highest rates for both worker injury and fatality.

Time and schedule demands, project costs and the repetitive nature of the work can make holding the attention of your employees during safety meetings a daunting task. In addition, finding effective means to train and/or retrain employees in safety awareness is often an ongoing challenge.

Many construction associations recommend instituting a practice of daily safety talks to help increase employee's safety awareness. According to the Construction Industry Institute (CII), companies that hold daily safety meetings often have safer results.

The solution

Zurich Services Corporation has developed the Construction Safety Calendar to provide field managers with a daily safety topic for discussion at morning or shift change meetings. The calendar's intent is to increase the probability that construction crews will hold daily safety talks or huddles by providing pre-determined discussion topics.

The topics listed are those known to commonly occur on the jobsite and that can affect the safety and security of your workers, as well as the general public.

Examples of safety topics include: Slip, trip and fall prevention, crane safety, manual material handling, cutting and welding safety and fleet safety. In addition, some of the topics pertain to home/family safety because it is estimated that more than half of the injuries suffered by workers occur away from the jobsite.

The topics are repetitive in nature, repeating approximately every three months. Use of the calendar can help to ensure the correct response to daily conditions by regularly training workers on these topics.

Product details

Each calendar date provides a specific daily safety topic. There are also corresponding talking points for each safety topic, which can be used by management in communicating the safety message for the day.

Some talking points offer the option of contacting a Zurich risk engineer to obtain additional information on the topic.

The calendar is available in both English and Spanish versions.

Benefits

- Promotes safety awareness, which helps to control and reduce claims and related expenses
- Provides a source of pertinent topics and best practices for daily safety meetings
- Encourages contractors to hold daily safety meetings
- Covers common construction hazards and exposures
- Addresses off-the-job safety that workers can apply at home

For more information

To obtain your complimentary copy of Zurich's Construction Safety Calendar, please contact your risk engineering account coordinator.

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