

Boston Workers' Compensation Attorney Supports NIOSH, OSHA Initiative to Reduce Construction Site Falls

Steven H. Kantrovitz of Kantrovitz & Associates, P.C., says campaign's safety education tools can help decrease incidence of construction site injuries and deaths in Boston, Massachusetts and across the U.S.

Boston, MA ([PRWEB](#)) May 24, 2012 -- [Boston workers' compensation attorney](#) Steven H. Kantrovitz said today that employers could save their employees' lives by joining a national campaign by several worker safety organizations to prevent falls at residential construction sites.

“This program calls attention to worksite training and proper use of equipment to help eliminate [falls among construction workers](#) just as the seasonal increase in construction activity begins,” said Kantrovitz of Kantrovitz & Associates, P.C., in Boston.

“Taking the time now to review and use the tools that these groups are providing will certainly reduce injuries and may save lives,” he added. “The first step for making a worksite safe is to provide the correct safety equipment and to train workers on how to use it.”

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the Center for Construction Research and Training (CPWR) launched the safety campaign in late April.

“Safety is everyone's business, and this campaign will provide the knowledge and tools to help contractors and workers stay safe on the job,” John Howard, M.D., director of NIOSH, said in a released statement.

In addition to a fact sheet and poster being used by NIOSH and OSHA to promote the campaign, the CPWR is managing a website at www.stopconstructionfalls.com to provide additional resources and information about how employers and individual workers can join the effort.

Statistics indicate that falls are the most common cause of injury and death on the job in the construction industry. In 2010, more than 10,000 construction workers were injured by falling from heights on the job, according to The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). Another 255 construction workers died in work-related falls.

“There are many reasons workers fall at construction sites and get hurt, incapacitated or killed,” said Kantrovitz, whose law firm represents construction workers in Boston and surrounding areas in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New Hampshire who have been injured or disabled in [workplace accidents](#).

“Workers slip and fall on wet surfaces, or trip and fall over debris that should have been cleaned up,” Kantrovitz said. “Often we find that materials and equipment were not stored properly and were the cause of a workplace fall accident.

“Workers who have not had appropriate training might not use safety equipment like harnesses or safety lines the way they are designed to be used. They may not understand proper safety procedures.”

In addition to causing hourly-wage employees to lose time on the job, falls can result in expensive medical bills, Kantrovitz said. In severe cases, rehabilitation and assistive equipment expenses can arise. Some workers may be permanently disabled in falls.

However, Kantrovitz said, efforts to promote safety in the construction industry can be helpful if they are taken seriously by workers as well as their employers.

“We see too many devastating injuries in work-related accidents where the root cause is the negligence of construction site supervisors and the firms that employ them,” he said. “It’s wrong, and it’s costly to everyone.”

About Kantrovitz & Associates, P.C.

For more than 20 years, the [Boston workers' compensation law firm](#) of Kantrovitz & Associates, P.C., has zealously represented the interests of injured and ill workers throughout Massachusetts, including but not limited to Boston, Essex, Middlesex, Norfolk, Suffolk, Plymouth and Merrimack River. The firm also represents Rhode Island and New Hampshire residents whose injuries occurred in Massachusetts or who were hired in Massachusetts but injured out of state. To learn more about the firm, call (800) 367-0871 or use the firm’s [online contact form](#)



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