

CONSTRUCTION ACCIDENTS IN ARIZONA

Statistics, Facts, and Figures

Construction accidents are the leading cause of work-related injuries nationwide. People who work in construction sites face occupational hazards every day. Unsafe working conditions are a common sight. As contracted labor is more common in this industry, liability is often questioned when someone suffers an injury.



The Risks Involved in the Construction Industry

FATAL INJURY RATE

40 out of 100,000 workers

*Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI)

Every year, more than 800 construction workers die and nearly 137,000 are seriously injured while on the job

- 75% likelihood of experiencing a disabling injury over a 45-year career
- 1-in-200 will likely be fatally injured on the job
- 15% possibility of developing chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
- 11% chance of developing dust-related parenchymal chest X-ray changes



Hazards that Cause Construction Accidents



Falls in Construction

Accidents like these often result from unprotected work environments. Thus, floor openings must have guarded railings. Scaffolds, bridge decking, roofing, and building edges must have safety systems in place. In fact, OSHA reports that 320 of 1,008 construction fatalities are caused by falls. Therefore, 31% of fatal injuries from job sites come from fall accidents.



Chemical Exposure

Unsafe practices expose construction workers to all sorts of harmful substances. Such conditions result in lead poisoning, carbon monoxide inhalation, and respiratory illnesses. Even worse, hazardous chemicals may also cause blindness, burns, and explosions.



Overexertion

Poor working conditions may cause back injuries, sprains, and strains. Accidents may happen while the workers are pulling cables or carrying heavy objects.



Collapses

Excavations and trenching can lead to fatal construction accidents. Anything from loose debris, gravel pit, and other accumulated objects can cave in. Large piles can cause an avalanche-like disaster. Safety nets and protective equipment must always be secured in work sites.



Electric Shock

Some electrical systems do not conform to safety standards. This can cause severe injury to the other contractors. Construction sites hire several tradesmen working at once. Thus, all work must be constantly inspected and monitored.



Struck by Accidents

These may injure anyone from the laborers to the pedestrians. Even the slightest negligence can result in a catastrophic injury. Hence, it is crucial to observe safety precautions to prevent accidents. Extreme monitoring is necessary while lifting cranes and operating heavy equipment.

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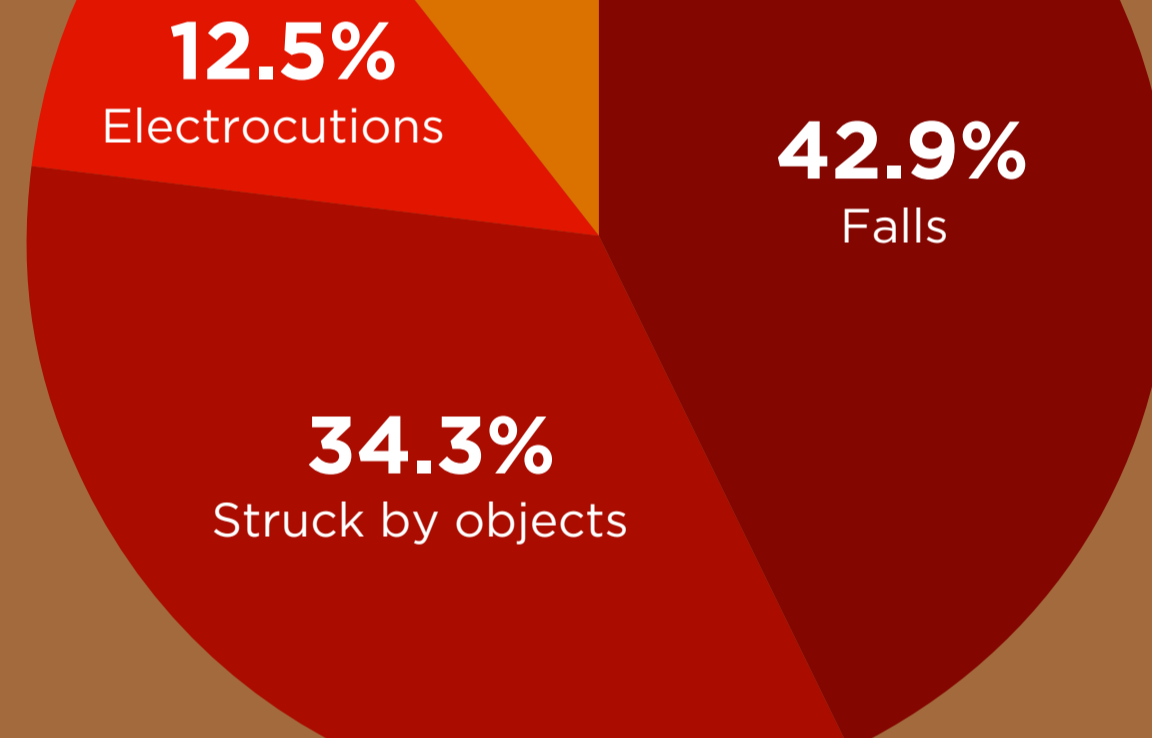
Most construction site accidents in Arizona happened on **Tuesday**. **Monday** is the critical day for accidents.

Workers should be extra cautious during the **morning**.

- ⚠ Majority of injuries occur in the morning.
- ⚠ Dangerous accidents also occur mostly in the time period between **1 pm to 2 pm**.



Common causes of construction accidents in Arizona



*Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)



Occupations at Risk

More than 8,000 people have suffered occupational injuries in construction sites during recent years.

*2019 Nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses data by industry SOII/CFOI report

Arizona victims usually include:

- Tradesmen
- On-site supervisors
- Extraction workers
- Equipment operators
- Installation contractors
- Repairmen

Construction accidents usually occur in residential and commercial buildings, highway and street repairs, bridge installations, and in other sites involving heavy civil engineering work.

Types of Injuries from Construction Accidents

- Muscle and joint damage (may lead to amputation)
- Bone fractures
- Lacerations/ cuts/ deep tissue wounds
- Sprains/ muscle tear/ overuse damage
- Loss of vision/ eye injuries (due to metal shrapnel/ chemical exposure)
- Hearing impairment (due to extremely loud machinery)
- Burns (from chemicals/ fire/ electrocution)
- Shortness of breath (particularly from gas inhalation)
- Traumatic brain injuries (from falls)
- Spinal cord injuries
- Post-traumatic stress disorder (from witnessing freak accidents)



Things to Do After a Construction Accident

- Seek medical help immediately. Call 911 if there is no emergency service in your workplace.
- If you can, take photos or videos of the accident or ask someone to do it for you.
- Try to keep any possible evidence, such as objects that caused your injury.
- Collect information from witnesses.
- Talk to a personal injury attorney to know your legal options

► **Helpful reminders if you or your co-worker suffers an accident at the construction site**

Warnock MacKinlay Law Can Help You Achieve Fair Compensation

Your construction accident injuries may cost more than just your present medical bills. Consequently, severe injuries may leave debilitating effects on your life.

You need to factor in the loss of income and the pain and suffering that the accident has caused you. You should receive fair compensation that can help you achieve full recovery. But since most construction jobs run on a contractual basis, determining liability becomes even more complicated.



At Warnock MacKinlay Law, you will find a reliable attorney who will evaluate your case, to strengthen your claim. With the help of an experienced Arizona construction accident lawyer, you can achieve the compensation that you deserve.