TOOLBOX TALK CONSTRUCTION AND SUICIDE



You know the dangers that come from working on a job site, we talk about them often during Toolbox Talks, but what about those that lurk when you're off the job?

Suicide is an unfortunate crisis within our industry, and it is time to change that.

BY THE NUMBERS

- In multiple years, the <u>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention</u> found construction and extraction was the no. 1 occupational group with male suicides (15% in 2012, 16% in 2015)
- In the general population, suicide occurs in 27 out of every 100,000 people. In construction, the number is closer to 53 suicides per 100,000 workers.
- In the U.S., there are approximately 123 suicides per day which breaks down to one death every 12 minutes. (SafeBuild Alliance)

WHY IT MATTERS

September is Suicide Awareness Month, and Sept. 4-8 is Construction Suicide Prevention Week, so we want to do everything in our power to help save our fellow teammates. Throughout, we'll be sharing tools and resources to stamp out the stigma of asking for help, and possibly help save some lives in the meantime.

GOOD TO KNOW

- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 800-273-TALK (8255)
- As of July 2022, you can also call, text, or chat 988 to reach the lifeline's trained counselors directly.



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Find resources at **ConstructionSuicidePrevention.com**.