

Several federal and state jobsite postings are also required. Consult with your local safety and employment/labor offices for specific requirements.

Your Obligations

OSHA states, "Each employee shall comply with Occupational Safety and Health Standards and all rules, regulations, orders issued pursuant to this act which are applicable to his own actions and conduct." This means that you have responsibilities.

Be safety conscious at all times and practice safe habits for everyone's sake, particularly the public and, specifically, children. You can prevent accidents and the expensive lawsuits that often follow.

Protect the public from dangers from electrical shock, falling objects, fire, tripping, other dangers generated by your work, and blocked passageways.

Be aware of curious children who may want to explore while you are working or after you are gone for the day.

Always use the proper tool for the job to prevent an accident.

Practice "good housekeeping" by keeping the site clear of all obstructions such as debris, boxes, or other items that could cause accidents.

Make sure materials are not lying around in passageways and near wall openings.

Remove temporary ladders, and lay down mobile scaffolds whenever possible.

Lock up or secure trucks and other mechanized equipment, as well as tool boxes.

Keep exposed material to a minimum to prevent theft.

Personal Protective Equipment

The employer is responsible for requiring the wearing of appropriate personal protective equipment in all operations where there is an exposure to hazardous conditions or where the need is indicated for using such equipment to reduce the hazard to the employees. 1926.28(a)



The employer is responsible for providing all necessary personal protective equipment to the employee at no charge. Foot wear is not included unless it is specific to a job or process.

Employees working over or near water, where the danger of drowning exists, shall be provided with U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets or buoyant work vests. 1926.106(a)

Powder-Actuated Tools

Only trained employees shall be allowed to operate powder-actuated tools. 1926.302(e)(1)

All powder-actuated tools shall be tested daily before use and all defects discovered before or during use shall be corrected. 1926.302(e)(2)-(3)