



# Connected. Supported. Safe.



May 2nd-6th marks Construction Safety Week, an annual industrywide education and awareness event. The theme for 2022 is “Connected. Supported. Safe.” As we’re all aware, construction is dangerous work. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), construction is one of the most dangerous industries to work in. Construction laborers are often called to confront hazardous tasks and conditions such as working with heights, noise, dust, power tools, large equipment, etc. Common injuries within the field include; slips and falls, falling objects/debris, being caught in or between an object, and machinery/vehicle accidents. In construction, safety goes beyond eliminating work-related injuries, it bonds our workforce together and ensures that we are always supported.

Cultivating a culture that is devoted to safety protects our industry's most priceless asset; our workers. Losing workers to work-related illness or injury, even for a short period, presents a high toll not only for businesses, but for the workers and their families as well. Employers could face hefty fines if they are found to be in violation of OSHA standards. The National Center for Biotechnology Information reports, "The average construction fatality was estimated to cost \$4 million. Nonfatal days-away injuries in construction were more costly than average, at \$42,000 per case compared to \$37,000, in all private industry." For the workers and their families, the impact of an accident is much more monumental. Construction accidents can result in temporary or permanent impairment, making it difficult for them to work and provide for their families. This outcome is especially true in minority communities where the main breadwinner of the family is usually the injured worker. These risks are what motivate us to continue growing a highly trained and skilled workforce for a better, safer industry.

Trained in our very own apprenticeship center, our workforce puts safety at the front and center of everything they do. We are committed to providing each one of our workers with the proper training, tools, and resources needed to support their physical, mental, and emotional health. Our workers are OSHA certified and have completed comprehensive on-the-job training to guarantee that they are qualified to complete the task at hand. And by doing so, our contractors ensure that the job gets done on time and most importantly, safely.



The path to creating a safer industry is clear; we need to grow our trained workforce. While the demand for labor continues to increase, we hope to bring more awareness to our apprenticeship programs as the safest, most qualified way to learn a new trade.

