

Contractor Safety Tips

If you are a contractor, there are some helpful tips that you should be aware of:

- Obtain written contracts for all jobs and keep records for at least 3 years.
- Subcontractors- have written contracts with subcontractors with a “held harmless agreement.”
- You must submit certificates of Insurance for liability and workers compensation.
- Have licensed engineers and architects design plans and specifications.
- Use employment application and check employee references.
- Provide written OSHA safety rule and enforce them.
- Assign responsibility to foreman.
- Hold regular safety meetings.
- Conduct safety inspections.
- Have first aid kit on all sites.
- Have a working phone on all sites.
- Have a fire extinguisher on all sites.
- Provide protective equipment and enforce the use of it.
- Secure and fence in job site.
- Provide work warning signs.
- Service and limit tools on site.
- Clean up daily on site.
- Have written procedure to report and investigate accidents.
- Limit exposure of damage to adjacent property.
- Employees who drive work vehicles need to get a proper license and driving record information.
- All employees who drive work vehicle should be reported to the insurance company.
- If employees drive their own vehicle, verify insurance coverage and prior records.
- Written procedures to report accidents immediately.
- Written maintenance requirements and procedures.
- Suspended and revoked licenses must be reported.
- Drivers must adhere to all laws and regulations of the state.
- Drivers are responsible for updated maintenance and inspections on vehicles.