TOOLBOX TALK



Understanding suicide in construction

Construction Suicide Prevention Week is September 8-12

Construction has one of the highest suicide rates of any industry. Every day in the U.S., 12 workers die by suicide. That's 4x higher than the general population.

What can we do? Start by talking about it. Honest conversations help us look out for each other and save lives.



What puts us at risk

This kind of work comes with pressure most people don't see.

- · Physically demanding profession
- Long hours
- Chronic pain
- Frequent travel
- Separation from family/friends
- Unaware support is available or feel unsure about using it



Warning signs to watch for

There is no single cause for suicide, but there are warning signs.

- Withdrawing from others
- Big mood changes
- Talking about feeling hopeless or being a burden
- Changes in sleep, appetite or energy
- Increased use of alcohol or other substances

Suicide is preventable

Support is available. If you or anyone you know is struggling, reach out.

Help is free and confidential.



Call or text **988** to reach the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline.
You'll be connected with trained counselors, 24/7, at no cost.



Under the Hat is a resource for the everyday pressure and the harder days. Get support for parenting, relationships, burnout or whatever you're carrying.

Employee Assistance Program (EAP) providers vary from country-to-country and individual benefits packages. Please read the EAP eligibility statements noted within the materials under your country on UndertheHat.com.



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