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Toolbox Talk: Securing Construction Sites For Extreme Weather

It is imperative to maintain a clean and safe site during construction but the need is magnified during extreme weather events. It is in the best interest of everyone to take all practicable steps to protect the health and safety of the workers and the community surrounding the site.

All parties involved with a construction project from owner, contractor, subcontractor and material supplier, should review and comply with all applicable safety rules and regulations (i.e. [OSHA](#)) that affect the site location.

In extreme weather conditions, site supervisors should stop, identify potential hazards and then consider how they should be addressed. Storm preparation recommendations include:

- All open dumpsters loaded with debris, emptied or removed from site to eliminate flying debris that could possibly cause injuries or property damage.
- Remove all loose material from roof areas and confirm all items are securely fastened and secured due to possible high winds.
- Confirm all windows and doors are closed, locked and sites are secure.
- Confirm that all stored materials are properly strapped down and secured to eliminate potential flying debris that could cause injury or property damage.
- Document in writing to subcontractors to secure sites from impending storms.
- Confirm site is clean and no garbage or debris is lying around that could become windblown hazards that could cause injuries or property damage.
- Confirm all scaffolding is properly secured or removed.
- Confirm all storm drains and roof drains are clear of debris to avoid flooding.
- Confirm with owners that precautions to protect buildings are being implemented. Properly prepare for extreme weather to reassure clients that their investment is protected.



After the storm, Site Supervisors should ask themselves these questions. Is it safe to continue construction or open the site? Is there something that needs to be done to make your site safe? Don't make these decisions in the heat of the moment; having a safety plan in place allows you the opportunity to make better judgments.

Man Injured by falling construction debris 1.9.19

A man showering in his Upper East Side apartment was injured by construction debris from a neighboring building that crashed through his roof Wednesday night, FDNY officials said. Debris from a building that is under construction on Third Avenue got loose — possibly because of the wind — at about 8:45 p.m. and crashed through the roof of a building on East 63rd Street, a Buildings Department spokesperson said.

Scaffold dangles from supertall construction site in Midtown 1.21.19

A piece of construction scaffolding swung away from a supertall condo building going up in Midtown on Monday evening. The scaffolding was hanging high on the W. 58th St. side of a building marketed as 111 W. 57th St., near Sixth Ave. Firefighters and police were called to the building around 8:30 p.m. Inspectors from the city Department of Buildings were also at the scene.

A construction worker who didn't give his name said he was assigned to secure the scaffold. "It came loose in the wind on the 48th floor," said the man, who wore a yellow-and-white vest. "I've got to go up and tie it down. It should be all right."

