

Health and Safety on construction sites:

Frequently mentioned concerns:

- Health and Safety measures only stall the work flow and create unnecessary costs
- The craftsmen should not make such a fuss and rather speed up the works
- I can do this by myself without so much hassle
- Why all these Health and Safety measures? I have an insurance.
- I do not need that much scaffolding or fence, I placed a clearly visible sign there.
- The project manager has to ensure that all requirements are being met.

The Facts:

- Damages to property and personal injury actually cost millions every year in the building sector and cause significant delays, i.e. when fires occur on site.
- Every craftsman has the right to execute all works and stay in their job unharmed until they retire.
- Especially project owners, who try to „do-it-themselves“, get hurt a lot, because they underestimate the dangers of certain works, i.e. when inhaling grinding dust, which can cause cancer. The choice of professional protection equipment is essential.
- The insurance will only reimburse any expenses caused by damages, if all measures were taken to prevent them. Only a H&S inspector can ensure that this is the case. The project owner is liable to an unlimited extend!
- Falls are still the number one reason for deaths on construction sites. The site will be shut down until the authorities have completed their examinations. Children and mentally unstable persons could get on site and hurt themselves badly.
- Because there are still project owners today, who place budget over health of workers, the government has made employing H&S inspectors in Germany, the minute more than one company is on site, or other criteria are being met.

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