Dear Stakeholder:

The Focus Four Hazards have accounted for the vast majority of injuries and fatalities in the construction industry. In an effort to prevent future injuries and fatalities, OSHA, our state plans, consultation projects, and construction industry partners have initiated a “Focus Four Hazards” campaign in Region Three’s jurisdiction. The goal of this campaign is to raise awareness in the recognition, evaluation, and control of these hazards through the delivery of toolbox talks, onsite visits, and hands-on educational sessions for employers and employees.

***Construction's "Fatal Four"***

Out of **5,190** worker fatalities in private industry in calendar year 2021 **(1)**, **968** or 19% were in construction―that is, approximately **one in five worker deaths were in construction.**

The leading causes of worker deaths on construction sites were falls, followed by struck-by, electrocutions, and caught-in/between. These "Fatal Four" hazards were responsible for well over half (59%) of the [construction worker deaths in 2021\*, according to BLS reports](https://www.bls.gov/iif/oshwc/cfoi/cftb0343.htm)(2).

* **Falls** — 390 (~40%)
* **Struck by Object** - 75 (~8%)
* **Electrocutions** - 74 (~8%)
* **Caught-in/between\*** - 29 (~3%)

**\***This is the minimum number of fatalities due to non-published data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)**\***

***Eliminating these Four Hazards would save a minimum of 568 workers' lives****.*

We appreciate your assistance and support with this campaign. We encourage you to provide feedback which will assist us in developing future efforts and evaluating our impact in the construction industry.  All voluntary feedback may be sent to OSHA’s designated Focus 4 campaign account at

[OSHA-Focus4-Region3@dol.gov](mailto:OSHA-Focus4-Region3@dol.gov). We thank you for your part in bringing awareness to these ***preventable incidents****.*

1. US DOL Bureau of Labor Statistics Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI) – 2021 News Release <https://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/cfoi.pdf>
2. BLS Table (Fatal occupational injuries by event or exposure for all fatal injuries and major private industry sector, all United States, 2021) Page <https://www.bls.gov/iif/fatal-injuries-tables/fatal-occupational-injuries-table-a-9-2021.htm>