

INCIDENT FACTS

REPORT #:

71-199-2020

REPORT DATE:

September 21, 2020

INCIDENT DATE:

July 31, 2020

VICTIM:

50 years old

INDUSTRY:

New Housing Operative Builders

OCCUPATION:

Supervisor

SCENE:

New home under construction

EVENT TYPE:

Suicide

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Construction Supervisor Dies by Suicide

SUMMARY

A 50-year-old construction company assistant supervisor died by suicide. The incident took place at the site of a new home under construction.

It is not known why the supervisor took his life. However, suicide is a major public health crisis and a leading cause of death in the United States. Construction workers are at especially high risk for suicide.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), male construction workers die by suicide at a significantly higher rate (45.3 per 100,000 persons) compared with workers in all industries combined (27.4 per 100,000 persons).

For the construction industry, mental health awareness and suicide prevention are just as important as preventing injuries. Construction company owners, managers, supervisors, trade associations, unions, and workers can take steps to save lives by addressing suicide prevention in the industry.

RECOMMENDATIONS

According to the Construction Industry Alliance for Suicide Prevention, the construction industry can take steps to address suicide prevention as a health and safety priority by

- **Creating safe cultures**
- **Providing training to help those at risk**
- **Raising awareness about the suicide crisis in construction**
- **Normalizing conversations around suicide and mental health**
- **Ultimately decreasing the risks associated with suicide in construction**

RESOURCES

Construction Industry Alliance for Suicide Prevention

www.preventconstructionsuicide.com

Suicide Prevention Resources, CPWR, the Center for Construction Research and Training

www.cpwr.com/research/research-to-practice-r2p/r2p-library/other-resources-for-stakeholders/mental-health-addiction/suicide-prevention-resources

Preventing Suicide, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

www.cdc.gov/suicide/pdf/NCIPC-Suicide-FactSheet-508_FINAL.pdf

Peterson C, Sussell A, Li J, Schumacher PK, Yeoman K, Stone DM. Suicide Rates by industry and Occupation – National Violent Death Reporting System, 32 States, 2016. Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report 2020;69-57-62. www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6903a1.htm



The [National Suicide Prevention Lifeline](https://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org) provides free and confidential emotional support in suicidal crisis or emotional distress. 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.