



# Wood Frame Construction Workers—Caught In, Under, Between Injuries

75 wood frame construction workers are seriously injured when caught in, under or between objects or equipment in 2000–2004



These injuries were so serious that the workers had to take time off work to recover or in some cases, were permanently disabled. Serious injuries are costly and affect your industrial insurance premiums. They contribute to the reason for the overall industry base rate of \$2.81 per hour per construction worker paid by construction employers in 2006. If your company has a higher than average number of injuries (claims), your “experience rating” could increase by as much as 25% in one year to \$3.50 per hour per employee.

At first, it may not seem like much but consider this: if you had 5 full-time workers and had an average number of injuries (claims), you would pay about \$28,100 in premiums in 2006. If your experience rating increased by 25% because you had higher than average injuries, you would pay about \$6,900 more or \$35,000 more in premiums in 2006.

## Causes of caught in, under, between injuries

Construction workers are often injured by becoming caught in or between:



- Equipment and materials such as;
  - Beams
  - Forms
  - Lumber
  - Joists
  - Panels
  - Conduit

## Ways to prevent caught in, under, between injuries

To prevent caught in injuries:

- Know your surroundings when standing and walking;
  - Move slowly and carefully
  - Know where your feet are placed when assisting with beams, forms, and joists
- Be aware of materials and equipment when walking or working in an area
- Use appropriate PPE;
  - Footwear
  - Gloves
  - Eye protection
  - Hearing protection