



NYC Personal Injury Attorney: Safety Awareness Has Reduced Construction Site Fatalities

David Resnick of the New York City personal injury law firm, David Resnick & Associates, P.C., says that events such as the NYC Buildings Department's, "Construction Safety Week," have raised awareness about construction site hazards and the need to protect workers.

New York, NY ([PRWEB](#)) April 26, 2011 -- Events such as the NYC Buildings Department's "Construction Safety Week" have helped to raise awareness of construction site hazards and contributed to a decline in worker deaths, [New York City accident and personal injury attorney](#) David Resnick said today.

Now in its seventh year, "Construction Safety Week," will be held through Friday of this week and feature a series of seminars and discussions on topics such as, "Preventing Accidents in NYC," and, "Safe Scaffold Operations."

"This event reminds members of the construction industry that they owe a duty to provide a safe working environment for our city's construction workers, and that means eliminating work site hazards and providing them with proper safety equipment and procedures," said Resnick of the New York City personal injury law firm, David Resnick & Associates, P.C.

"Based on the number of construction site deaths dropping in recent years, it seems that the construction industry is starting to get that message. To be honest, it was long overdue."

Resnick, who represents injured construction site workers and their families in personal injury and wrongful death lawsuits, pointed to the fact that the first "Construction Safety Week" was held at a time when construction deaths were occurring at an alarming rate in New York City.

According to NYC Buildings Department statistics, 47 workers had been killed – including 26 who died in falls – within a two-year span in 2005-2006. During the most recent two-year span, 2009-2010, the number of construction site fatalities has fallen to seven.

"Even one worker dying in a [construction accident](#) that could have been prevented is one too many," said Resnick, who said crane and forklift accidents, defective scaffolding, falling objects, burns, explosions, trench collapses, electrocutions and machine malfunctions are among the most common [construction site hazards](#).

"But there has been a trend toward improved safety in New York City construction, and that trend needs to continue," he said. "Construction site operators need to pay closer attention to safety regulations and take a common sense approach to safety precautions."

In most cases, injured construction workers can collect workers' compensation benefits if they are injured on the job.

However, if a non-employer third party is at fault for the injury – such as another contractor or subcontractor at the work site – an injured worker may be able to pursue a personal injury lawsuit to collect compensation for medical expenses, lost wages and pain and suffering, among other damages, Resnick said.



“At David Resnick & Associates, we review all legal options and aggressively advocate on behalf of injured construction workers,” he said. “By protecting the rights and interests of one worker, we believe we contribute to improving safety for all New York construction workers.”

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