



Codes of Conduct

Build Safe NYC recommends that all BTEA member companies and BCTC member unions establish minimum safety standards on all building construction projects in NYC as follows:

1. The workforce shall adhere to the minimum personal protective equipment (PPE) usage to include:
 - a. ANSI compliant Hard Hats (with ratchet suspension) at all times (supplied by employer)
 - b. Construction-type Work Boots at all times
 - c. Long Pants and shirts with at least short sleeves at all times (no shorts or tank tops)
 - d. ANSI compliant Eye Protection in their possession and used as needed (supplied by employer)
 - e. Adequate Hearing Protection in their possession and used as needed (supplied by employer)
 - f. High-vis traffic vests at street level and when around heavy equipment (supplied by employer)
2. CM and Subcontractor management shall implement a fair and consistent disciplinary policy for all site personnel regarding the adherence to site safety rules and requirements. Likewise, a joint labor / management team will periodically assess project wide implementation of these Codes.
3. CM firms shall maintain minimum standards for workforce restroom, hygiene facilities and housekeeping, initially and throughout the duration of the project.
4. All personnel shall adhere to a strict policy against drug and alcohol possession and use on sites and during hours of work.
5. All personnel shall attend a site safety orientation prior to beginning work. Worker certifications of safety training for specific tasks such as fire watch, flagmen, and safety attendant must be verified.
6. No cell phones, portable media devices, radios or other devices that limit hearing and attention shall be used while working on sites.
7. Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCI) will be used on all power tools and extension cords.
8. Union trade representatives shall participate in a regularly scheduled site safety meeting on all projects regardless of size.
9. Extreme effort shall be made to isolate the public from all construction activity. Specifically, systems shall be put in place to control falling materials and pedestrian exposure. This should be a top priority for the entire project workforce.
10. Workers shall honor security access control systems to establish entry to sites by authorized personnel only, where applicable.
11. Fall protection management shall be a top project priority. Workers shall maintain and use necessary fall protection systems and procedures where appropriate. Engineering controls and work methods which eliminate, guard, or otherwise control fall hazards shall take priority over personal fall arrest system usage.
12. Where hazardous materials are present, projects shall implement efforts to communicate and control potential exposure to the workforce.