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Importance of Construction Safety

While the initial reason for improving construction safety may be to comply with workplace safety and health regulations, there are many other benefits to prioritizing construction safety, such as lessening the number of safety hazards and incidents.

This is vital because safety hazards and incidents weaken the company's reputation among industry professionals and regulatory agencies and can incur huge financial costs for the company.

In the United States, for nearly all types of OSHA violations, the maximum penalty is \$13,653 per violation.

For a willful or repeated OSHA violation, the maximum penalty is over ten times greater with \$136,532 per violation.

Meanwhile, incidents that result in injuries or illnesses have both direct and indirect costs. According to OSHA, it has been estimated that employers pay almost \$1 billion per week for direct workers' compensation costs alone.

Other direct costs of incidents resulting in injuries or illnesses are medical expenses and costs for legal services, while indirect costs can include training replacement or substitute workers, repairs of damaged equipment or property, lost productivity, and lower worker morale.

Another benefit of prioritizing construction safety is that it helps strengthen the trust between workers, construction safety managers, and company executives.

This higher level of trust leads to better communication across the company, resulting in fewer misunderstandings and clashes.

Construction safety programs can also increase worker productivity and efficiency.

Workers are better equipped to do their jobs effectively and safely when they are given adequate training and protection by the company.