

Schuster Law Releases Construction Safety Guide

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Schuster Law announced in July 2026 that it has published a construction safety guide for workers, contractors, property owners, and other parties involved with construction activity in Delaware County, Pennsylvania. The new resource explains common workplace safety regulations and provides general information about the responsibilities associated with construction site operations.

"Construction projects involve several parties with separate responsibilities, and the guide was created to organize general safety information in one accessible resource," said Ken Schuster, Esq., founding attorney of Schuster Law. "The publication explains regulatory concepts and identifies records that may become relevant when a construction incident is reviewed."

The guide addresses the role of federal and state safety requirements in construction site management. Federal workplace standards establish requirements related to fall prevention, scaffolding, ladders, excavation work, electrical systems, protective equipment, and hazard communication. State regulations and project requirements may impose additional obligations based on the type of work, the location of the project, and the parties involved.

Construction safety responsibilities may extend beyond a worker's direct employer. General contractors coordinate project activity, subcontractors supervise assigned work, property owners maintain certain premises, and equipment companies provide machinery or tools. The allocation of responsibility depends on contracts, site control, regulatory duties, and the circumstances surrounding an incident.

The safety guide explains that construction site documentation can help establish how a project was organized before an accident occurred. Relevant materials may include inspection reports, training records, safety meeting notes, equipment maintenance records, photographs, work schedules, incident reports, and communications among contractors. Regulatory citations and prior complaints may also provide information about site conditions or operational practices.

The publication also describes the distinction between workers' compensation claims and claims involving parties other than an employer. Pennsylvania workers' compensation law generally provides a process for employees seeking benefits after a work-related injury. Separate civil issues may arise when an equipment manufacturer, property owner, subcontractor, vehicle operator, or another party is alleged to have contributed to an incident.

Construction accidents may involve falls from elevated surfaces, collapsed scaffolding, excavation failures, electrical contact, vehicle collisions, falling materials, defective equipment, or exposure to hazardous substances. Each event requires an examination of the work being performed, the condition of the site, the equipment involved, and the entities responsible for controlling the relevant area. The guide presents these subjects as general educational information rather than an assessment of any individual matter.

The resource also outlines steps commonly taken during an accident review. Investigators may examine the location, preserve physical evidence, identify witnesses, obtain project records, and determine which safety rules applied to the work. Medical records and employment information may document the nature of an injury and its effect on a worker's ability to perform assigned duties.

Timing can affect the availability of evidence after a construction incident. Site conditions may change as work continues, equipment may be moved, and temporary structures may be removed. Photographs, reports, witness information, and other records can therefore become significant when the circumstances of an event are evaluated.

Established more than 30 years ago, Schuster Law handles civil litigation matters involving personal injury, workers' compensation, premises conditions, product liability, and workplace incidents. The firm maintains two office locations and provides information about its attorneys and practice areas through its official website.

The firm's construction accident work includes reviewing the relationships among employers, contractors, subcontractors, property owners, and equipment providers. That review may involve contracts, insurance records, regulatory materials, maintenance documents, and project communications. Information about the firm's Delaware County office is available through its office page.

The safety guide forms part of the firm's educational materials concerning workplace incidents and Pennsylvania civil procedures. The publication does not replace project-specific safety training, regulatory advice, or an evaluation of individual facts. For more information about the guide and related legal resources,

visit website.

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