

# SAFETY AND SECURITY PROGRAM FOR CONSTRUCTION SITES

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Each agency shall develop and implement: “A safety and security standard for a construction site where employees work.”

**Definition:** A safety and security plan for construction sites where employees work consists of site specific procedures established to prevent fire, theft, damage or destruction of property and prevent injury to personnel.

**What are the required elements of a site specific safety and security standard for a construction site?**

**Guidelines and Criteria:** Construction sites pose a unique hazard for agencies and employees working in or around them. Often, these temporary work sites are congested and a hub of activity occurs simultaneously. Employees must be aware of activities occurring around them and be aware of safety precautions at all times to prevent an accident from occurring. Safety procedures designed specifically for the particular construction site are a must to ensure the safety of employees and to protect the assets of the agency.

The following elements must be contained in each construction site safety and security plan:

- Site specific safety rules and procedures for the types of risks expected to be encountered on the site.
- Routine inspections of construction sites. At a minimum visual inspections of all tools or equipment by the user before use, daily inspections of the work-site to identify potential safety hazards, monthly inspections of the work site and equipment. Monthly inspections should include such items as fall-protection, lanyards, tools, personal protective equipment and respiratory protection. This is not an all-inclusive list rather a general description of some items that should be included in a more formal monthly inspection. Documentation of daily and monthly inspections should be maintained on site.
- Training for each employee in safe work procedures and practices.
- Availability of first aid, emergency equipment and services at the construction site for emergency transportation.
- Procedures to prevent theft, vandalism and other losses at construction sites.
- Periodic testing and evaluation of the plan to identify potential problems and correct them in an expedient manner.