

# Always Be on the Lookout for Hazards

Think about the last accident that happened at work. Chances are it happened because someone wasn't looking out for hazards. Staying aware of all that is going on around you is one of the keys to preventing construction site accidents.

Most construction sites are very busy with people, vehicles, machines and hoisting equipment, all of which are constantly moving around, both on the ground and in the air. To protect yourself and those around you:



- ✓ **Keep a constant lookout in all directions (front, back, sides, above and below).**
- ✓ **Watch for moving objects. These include trucks, heavy equipment, hoists, machinery, crane booms and buckets, etc.**
- ✓ **Assume equipment operators can't see you and act accordingly.**
- ✓ **Be especially aware when sitting or crouching behind vehicles that might back up.**
- ✓ **If you're a driver, watch for people who aren't aware.**
- ✓ **Look before dropping anything to the ground from ladders, scaffolds or second stories.**
- ✓ **Look below you as you climb down a ladder.**
- ✓ **Stay away from swinging loads and from areas where debris is being lowered.**
- ✓ **If you work below, make sure those above you know you're there. And look up often to keep track of what's going on above you.**
- ✓ **Watch your step. Avoid walking into an open stairwell, off the edge of an unfinished platform, through a false ceiling or temporary covering or into the path of a moving truck.**
- ✓ **Keep your eyes on the path ahead of you so that you won't trip on a pile of lumber that wasn't there the last time you walked by.**
- ✓ **When carrying objects, make sure that you can see ahead of you so you won't trip or fall.**
- ✓ **Keep your protective eyewear clean and free from scratches so that you can see where you're going.**