

TEXAS MUTUAL SAFETY ALERT

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As a service to our policyholders, Texas Mutual shares common workplace injuries reported to our claims department. Our goal is to help you ensure these types of accidents do not happen in your workplace. Find tips and suggested e-Learning training courses below to help keep your employees safe on the job.

If you have questions, we encourage you to call our safety services support center at **844-WORKSAFE (967-5723)** between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. CST.

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DRIVERS ARE STRUCK BY OTHER VEHICLES

An employee was at a red light when an intoxicated driver struck the side of the car. In another incident, an employee was struck by an 18-wheeler that failed to stop at a stop sign. Although these employees were not breaking any rules of the road, they were still involved in motor vehicle crashes. We can't control anyone else's behavior, but there are some steps we can take to stay safe on the road.



! Safety tips:

- Always drive according to road and traffic conditions, such as reducing your speed when it's raining heavily.
- Look ahead to traffic conditions so that you can gradually slow to a stop instead of slamming on your breaks when there is traffic ahead.
- Never assume that other vehicles will yield to you or obey stop signs; proceed with caution.
- Stay alert, even when stopped at a stop sign or red light, for other vehicles moving through the intersection.
- If you are a passenger and notice another vehicle swerving or doing anything else unsafe, speak up and alert the driver.

e-Learning course suggestions:

- Alert Driving
- Driving Hazard Recognition
- Driving Preparation

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CONSTRUCTION SITE SAFETY

A worker stepped on a nail that was mixed in with some scrap material on the floor of the jobsite, which resulted in an infection. Another worker was setting up equipment on a jobsite when the roof caved in on him and he experienced serious injuries.

Almost 40 percent of the serious claims reported to Texas Mutual this past month occurred in the construction industry. Jobsites can have numerous potential hazards, but following safe work practices can help everyone go home uninjured.



Safety tips:

- Inspect the area at the beginning of each day to account for any new hazards or structural instabilities on the site.
- Practice proper housekeeping throughout the day (not just at the end of the shift), including throwing away any debris and unused materials as well as placing any tools you're not using back in their proper storage location.
- Always wear required personal protective equipment on the jobsite such as steel-toed boots, a hard hat, safety glasses and high visibility clothing.
- While working on a **ladder**, keep three points of contact (one hand and two feet or two hands and one foot) with the ladder and keep the middle of your torso between the rungs at all times.

e-Learning course suggestions:

Ladder safety

Personal Protective Equipment

Job Hazard Analysis

GET FREE SAFETY RESOURCES

Texas Mutual policyholders have access to thousands of free training materials in our multimedia [safety resource center](#), including 300 free e-Learning online training courses. With e-Learning, you can assign safety courses to your employees to help train them and keep them safe.

To access the free materials, log into your [texasmutual.com](#) account and select safety resources. If you need help accessing the safety resource center or you have a workplace safety question, call us toll-free at **844-WORKSAFE (967-5723)**.