

OSHA Outreach for Residential Construction

Construction has long been recognized as a high hazard industry. As a result, it is one of the industries targeted in OSHA's Five-Year Strategic Plan (2003-2008). While OSHA has traditionally focused its programmed resources on commercial construction projects, residential sites are only inspected as a result of un-programmed activity, such as a worker complaint or fatality.

Fifty-nine (59) of the 458 (13%) fatalities experienced in the construction trades involved residential work sites. These deaths occurred during the period 10/01/99 thru 07/31/03. The majority of the employers involved in residential construction are usually small and not as familiar with OSHA regulations. In an effort to assist these employers, the Little Rock OSHA Area Office will conduct four training seminars throughout the state during the week of June 14, 2004. A tentative schedule is as follows:

June 15 - Fayetteville
June 16 - Mountain Home
June 17 - Little Rock
June 18 - West Memphis
June 22 - Jonesboro

The seminar will last for four hours and will include the following subjects:

The STD on Residential Construction (STD 3-0.1A)
Scaffold Safety
Ladder Safety
Fall Protection concepts for the residential constructor
Electrical safety
Multi Employer Citation Policy

Training facilities for the four sessions will be determined as soon as possible.
Inspections will commence after the training seminars have been conducted (30-45 days)

You can contact the following person for additional information:

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