

Construction Site Response: The Basics to Keep You Safe

Driving through your district today, you will see multiple construction sites varying in size. These sites pose risks to first responders because of the hazards within and we don't typically visit them unless there is an issue. In most cases an organization is not prepared for what lies beyond the construction entrance. Whether industrial, commercial, or residential, they are all unique but share the same risks. This course is designed to exploit the major risks faced by the first responder as well as educate on the basic tasks being completed. We will cover trenching/excavation, fall protection, confined space, and many more topics which are performed at jobsites in your district daily. These tasks may require a special response, and these are issues that we need to address before an incident occurs. At the end of this course, you will have the knowledge and confidence to return to your organization and readily prepare to plan and respond to incidents at a construction site.

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