

# Survey Finds 86% Witnessed Preventable Construction Site Accidents

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The survey, conducted by Censuwide for SafeSite Facilities across August and September 2025, reached 500 UK construction professionals aged 18-55.

A total of 86% of construction industry professionals said they witnessed an accident on site that could have been prevented in the past year.

These were the findings in a survey of 500 construction industry professionals commissioned by [SafeSite Facilities](#), which delivers site safety products to construction companies nationwide.

This figure climbed to 95% for site safety officers, while 37% reported they had suffered an injury on site personally in the past year, although this figure was lower for more experienced workers.

In addition, 34% reported a member of the public had been injured on site, while 42% said a colleague had suffered an injury on site in the last year.

Just 14% said no one had been injured on a construction site they had worked on.

Jack Lowdell, manager at SafeSite Facilities, said: "The findings show that preventable incidents remain a real issue across sites in the UK.

"Simple, well-planned safety and security measures can make a significant difference in reducing risk and protecting both workers and the public.

"This research underlines the importance of taking a proactive, considered approach to site safety rather than reacting after an incident has occurred."

Dr Lowellyne James, HSEQ manager at SafeSite Facilities, added: *"It's deeply troubling that in the 21st*

*century, we're still talking about injuries on construction sites that could have been easily prevented.*

"British industry has long led the way in safety innovation, from the tailored origins of the high-vis vest to the evolution of protective headgear, but we're still seeing professionals suffer avoidable harm, like debilitating hand injuries that could be prevented with task-appropriate gloves.

"Safety should never begin and end with PPE. It must be built into the very fabric of operations, starting with robust systems of work and up-to-date risk assessments.

"When these controls break down, the likelihood of incidents rises sharply and the consequences ripple across the entire business, affecting productivity, morale and quality."