

## Toolbox Talk # 12

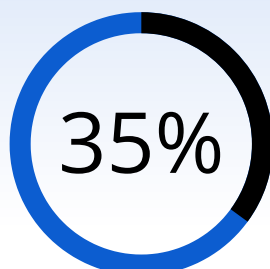
# EMERGENCY EXITS



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### Key Points

1. **Emergency exits provide designated evacuation routes** during fires, structural failures, chemical spills, or other workplace hazards at construction sites.
2. **Properly marked, illuminated, and accessible exits** significantly reduce the risk of injuries and fatalities in emergency situations.
3. **Emergency exits ensure compliance with OSHA regulations** and building codes, which mandate adequate means of egress appropriate to the site's hazards.
4. **Regular training and drills on exit locations** help workers respond efficiently during emergencies when visibility may be compromised.
5. **Temporary emergency exits must be clearly established at construction sites** where permanent exits are under development or inaccessible.
6. **Timely evacuation through emergency exits** minimizes property damage and allows first responders quicker access to incident areas.
7. **Construction workers should be familiar** with the site's emergency action plan, including multiple exit routes, assembly points, and notification procedures to ensure everyone's safety during evacuations.



of people **do not** pay  
attention to the location  
of emergency exits

# Top 5 Emergency Exit injuries

1. **Trampling Injuries** – Crowded exits cause workers to be crushed.
2. **Slip and Trip Injuries** – Debris-blocked exits lead to dangerous falls.
3. **Smoke Inhalation** – Delayed evacuation increases toxic fume exposure.
4. **Burns** – Workers trapped near fire suffer worse injuries.
5. **Structural Collapse Injuries** – Workers trapped due to blocked or missing exits.



1. Do I know the location of all emergency exits?
2. Is my nearest emergency exit route clear of obstacles?
3. Can I find the emergency exits if the lights fail?
4. Where is our designated emergency assembly point located?

"Emergency exits are not for show, So always know where to go"

## Summary

Emergency exits are crucial in the workplace because they provide a safe and quick way to escape during emergencies like fires, allowing employees to evacuate and avoid potential harm or danger. These designated pathways are strategically placed throughout buildings to ensure that all workers have access to a means of escape regardless of their location within the facility.



### Overview of OSHA and Emergency Exits

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) enforces workplace safety standards to protect workers, including in construction. Emergency exit regulations ensure workers can evacuate safely in case of fire, structural failure, or hazardous spills.

OSHA's 29 CFR 1910.36 and 1910.37 require exit routes to be unobstructed, clearly marked, and lead to a safe area. Most workplaces need at least two exits unless one is sufficient. Construction sites must adjust exit routes as work progresses to keep them accessible.





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