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**LOCAL EMPHASIS PROGRAM FOR THE CONSTRUCTION
INDUSTRY TO TAKE EFFECT AUGUST 1, 2014**

SALT LAKE CITY - On August 1, 2014, Utah OSHA Directive 2014-001, Local Emphasis Program (LEP) for the Construction Industry will be in effect.

In 2012, construction related fatalities accounted for sixty-four percent (64%) of all OSHA reportable fatalities in the State of Utah. The leading cause of death during this period in the construction industry were: 1) Falls from elevation, 2) Struck-by, 3) Caught-in between, and 4) Electrocution.

The goal of this Directive is to establish an enforcement initiative to reduce the incidents of injury, illness and fatalities among workers in the construction industry by focusing on the “Big-4” (noted above) construction hazards. The Utah Labor Commission and Utah OSHA will commit a number of resources to address this issue, including enforcement, outreach, training, onsite consultation and alliances.

This program is designed to be a broad based system that selects geographical areas within the state to establish a presence in the construction industry. Utah OSHA will use the 2010 census to create a list of towns/cities with populations of 1,000 or more people. The towns/cities will be placed in random order with a scheduling cycle for inspections set to 15 towns/cities per cycle. Upon completion of each cycle, the next cycle will be selected for inspection.

Utah OSHA initiated this program to reduce the incidents of injury, illness, and fatalities throughout the construction industry and to solicit the cooperation of the industry to achieve better and continuously effective safety and health programs.

For more information please visit the Utah Labor Commission web page at [Utah OSHA special programs](#).

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