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CONSTRUCTION SAFETY







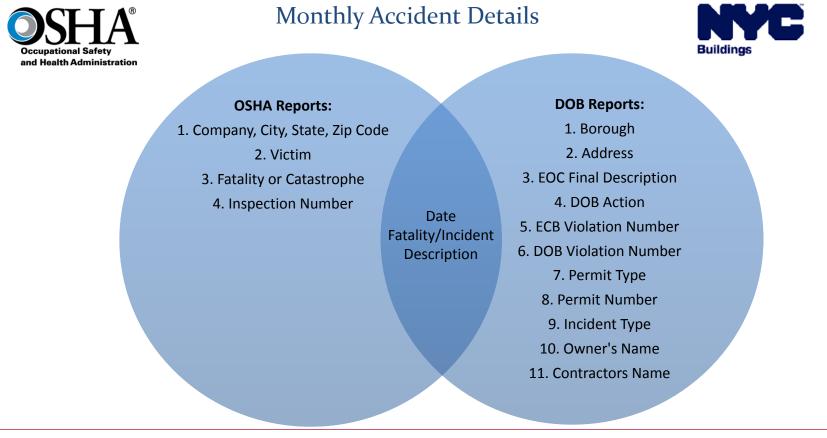
ANALYSIS OF CONSTRUCTION ACCIDENTS (2010 - 2015)





CONSTRUCTION RELATED ACCIDENT REPORTS

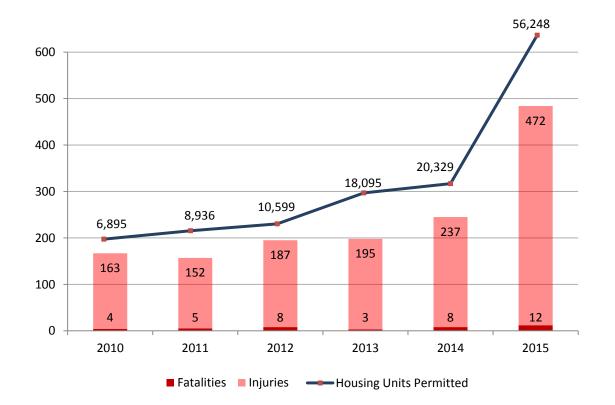
- In 2008, DOB enacted rule changes that made construction accident reporting more comprehensive
- DOB reports have far higher level of detail compared to OSHA records
- OSHA reports workplace accidents only, omitting pedestrian and/or bystander accidents



CONSTRUCTION ACCIDENTS BY YEAR (2010 – 2015)

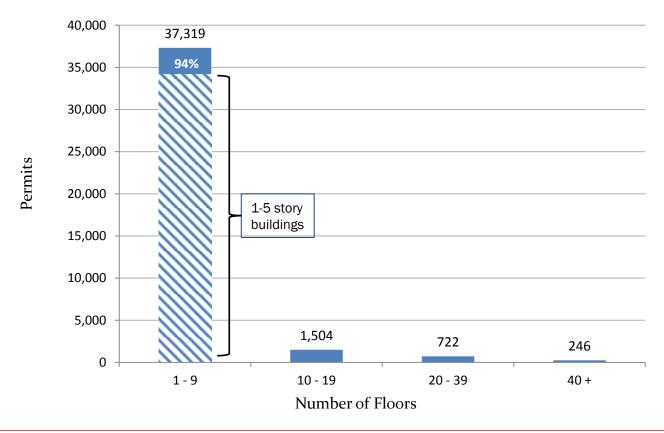
As construction increases, accidents increase:

• Over 6 years, there were 1,446 accidents on 738 unique sites, resulting in 40 fatalities



CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY BY BUILDING SIZE (2010 – 2015)

- Buildings under 10 stories account for 94% of all major construction permits
- 1 5 story buildings account for 86% of all new construction permits



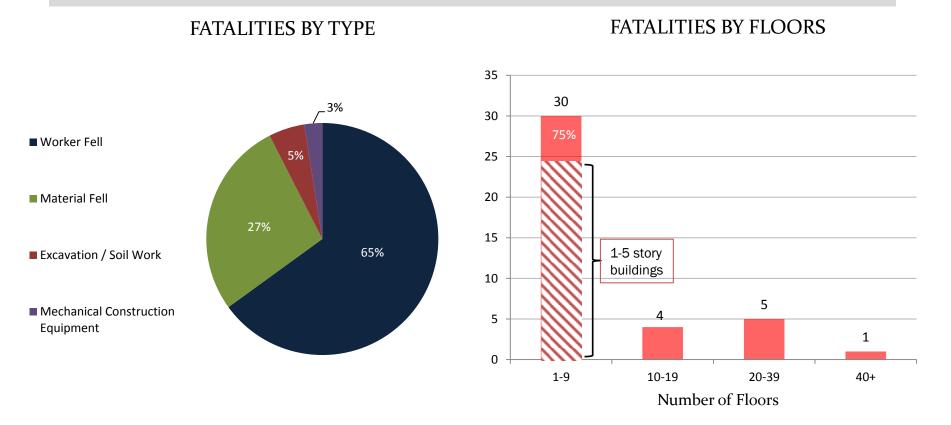
NB & ALT-1 BUILDING PERMITS BY FLOORS

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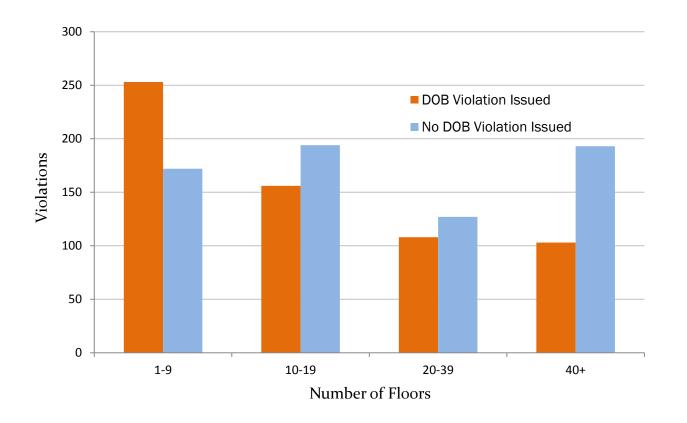
FATALITIES BY TYPE AND BUILDING SIZE (2010 – 2015)

- 92% of all fatalities are fall-related (worker or material)
- 75% of fatalities occurred on buildings under 10 stories
 - 1 5 story buildings account for 60% of all fatalities



DOB ACTION FOR CONSTRUCTION ACCIDENTS BY FLOOR (2010 – 2015)

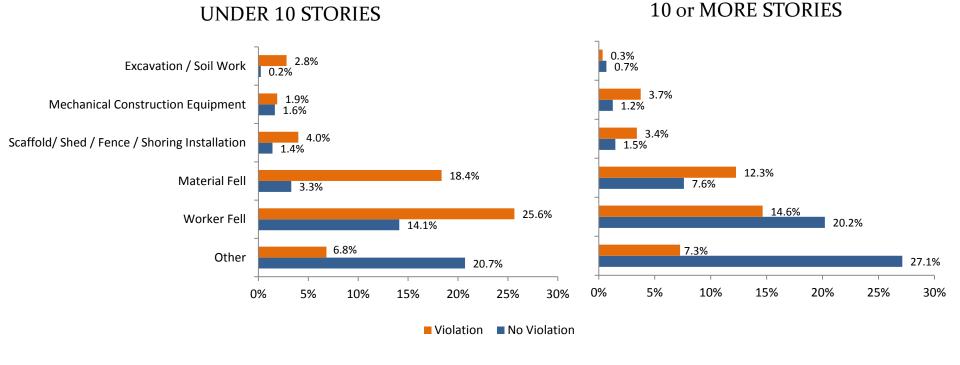
43% more likely to get a safety violation on smaller projects (under 10 stories) when there is an accident



DOB ACTION BY ACCIDENT TYPE AND BUILDING SIZE (2010 – 2015)

When there is an accident, smaller projects are:

- 51% more likely to get a safety violation for workers falling
- 24% more likely to get a safety violation for materials falling
- Almost 2 times more likely (170%) to get a safety violation for excavation/soil work





STEPS TO IMPROVE CONSTRUCTION SAFETY





SAFETY STEPS FOR ALL PROJECTS

- 1) Require the use of 60" guardrail systems for all unprotected shaftways, and require full perimeter floor-to-ceiling netting on all New Building and exposed Alt-1 projects, excluding LL11 façade work
- 2) Prohibit the use of any type of personal electronic media device for social or entertainment purposes outside of designated areas
- 3) Require documented training for all workers on New Building construction projects with ID and training certification verification on at least the following topics:
 - a. OSHA 10 Construction
 - b. Supported Scaffold 4 hour
 - c. Fall Protection Training



SAFETY STEPS FOR ALL PROJECTS

- 4) Require safety orientations for all new hires detailing site-specific safety procedures, requirements and logistics, and an overview of current construction activities
- 5) Require documented safety pre-task plan meetings for hazardous operations and extraordinary activities with general contractors and construction managers and all high risk trades on New Building construction projects
- 6) Require the creation of site safety plans for all New Building construction projects



REGULATORY RECOMMENDATION FOR DOB

7) Provide more funding to hire more DOB staff to:

- I. Improve DOB's ability to handle its increasing workload; and
- II. Create an inspection squad focused on the worst violators



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