

# WCC Safety Challenge

**C**onstruction remains as one of the most dangerous industries in the U.S. For the last decade. Construction typically accounts for about 6-8% of the workforce but generates almost 20% of the fatalities which take place year after year. Construction is a particularly dangerous field, and without safety guidelines, problems can quickly arise. The deep foundation installation segment of the construction industry is not immune to these statistics.

Every year heavy equipment operators, ground workers and pedestrians are injured or killed by heavy mobile equipment used in construction. These injuries and fatalities are the result of a lack of swing radius protection, poor communication between ground personnel and equipment operators, poor working platforms for equipment to travel and operate from. Many of these incidents are the result of rollovers or by individuals being struck or crushed by equipment. In fact, “struck-by” deaths are one of the construction industry’s “Fatal Four” leading causes of death on the job site.

Education and training of ground personnel to safely work near and around operating deep foundation installation equipment is paramount to overall site safety. This is in addition to the education, certification, training, qualification, and evaluation of deep foundation equipment operators such as mobile cranes, concrete pump trucks, dedicated drill rigs, and pile driving equipment. Certifying an operator ensures they can safely run their assigned machines. Certification reduces employer liability and also protects a company by demonstrating operator training in the event of an incident and investigation.

The deep foundation industry has become increasingly competitive, which makes reputation a crucial component of building and maintaining a competitive edge. Apart from having the appropriate heavy equipment, certified operators, well-educated and trained ground personnel, and project management staff who believe that safety is a value not a priority will also enhance the reputation of your business. This will help make your company more competitive in the market, as prospective clients need safety and quality assurances.

**A free event and outreach effort to educate contractors who use drilling companies and promote safe use. Ideal for Top Management, Estimators, Project Managers, Superintendents, and Safety Professionals.**

**Thursday June 8, 2023**

**8:00-4:30 pm (lunch from 12-1:00 pm)**

Oregon OSHA, Tigard Oregon office  
16760 SW Upper Boones Ferry RD, Suite 200 Tigard, OR 97224

[Zoom link](#)

## Topics:

- Safety Compliance with Working Platforms, Access/Egress, and Driller Certifications / *Rick Marshall*
- Risk Management / *USI Insurance Eli Biondine & Jason Gesser*
- Legal / *Rick Kalson*
- Regulatory Compliance and Support / *Oregon OSHA*
- Q/A with the audience

## [Register here](#)

While attendance is free, we ask that you register in advance. If you have any questions, please contact Becky Patterson at [beckypatterson@adscwest.org](mailto:beckypatterson@adscwest.org)  
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