

CONSTRUCTION SAFETY AUDITS

Roofing is a very demanding, difficult and dangerous job performed high above the ground, often times with untrained workers.

The most common causes of injury or death are slip and falls from roofs, ladders, and scaffolds. There are also many other safety risks such as heat related illnesses, cuts, burns, and muscle strains.

Roof replacement projects often require removal of the existing roof and sometimes the roof deck. This increases the risks not only to the roofers but to the building itself, its occupants and contents.

Because of the dangers associated with roof construction projects, Benchmark has hired Chris Young as our full-time Safety Director. Chris has attained his OSHA Construction Outreach status and is certified to teach the 10 and 30 hour OSHA Construction course. He is also an authorized CERTA (Certified Roofing Torch Applicator) trainer and a member of the ASSE (American Society of Safety Engineers).

Chris' primary focus is to provide safety training to Benchmark's consultants, and safety audits on our clients' roof replacement projects. Our goal is to increase job site safety so injuries and damages are eliminated during the construction process. All Benchmark consultants have completed the 10 hour OSHA Construction Safety and Health Course, American Red Cross First Aid, and CPR training.

A study performed by Forbes Magazine found roofers have the 6th most dangerous job in America.



The safety audits include evaluation of the following items:

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| Fall Protection | Personal Protection |
| Hazardous Materials | Fire Protection |
| Housekeeping and Material Storage | Kettle Safety |
| Trash Chute Openings | Material Handling |
| Covers Over Openings | Electrical |
| Energized/Electrical Power Lines | Scaffolding |
| Trucks/Lifts | Hot Work |
| Roof Access | |

A Safety Inspection form is completed for each audit and all safety issues discussed with Benchmark's on-site consultant, the contractor(s), and client. These audits have been very instrumental in alleviating unsafe practices or situations, while setting proper safety guidelines to follow in the future.

