



Key Construction Project Documentation

The forensic consultant must be able to investigate, analyze and interpret all facets of a construction accident case to arrive at the root cause. A complete investigation of a construction site accident requires an understanding of OSHA and other governmental regulations, custom and practice, industry standards and the safety management culture of the parties involved.

Construction projects generate volumes of documents. To assist you in obtaining the pertinent documentation needed to successfully resolve your case, Ruhl Forensic has created a list of materials that will typically be available. Obviously, not all documents will be available or applicable in every situation.

Contracts

- Contracts between the general contractor and the subcontractors
- Contract between the owner and the general contractor/construction manager
- Subcontractors' contracts with their subcontractors or the purchase orders in lieu of a contract

Safety Programs and Reports

- Safety programs of the project and of all involved contractors
- Reports by third party safety inspectors
- Toolbox safety talks and sign-in sheets
- Minutes of safety meetings

Drawings and Job Progress Information

- Drawings relative to the work being done (structural, HVAC, electrical, mechanical, architectural)
- Minutes of job progress meetings
- Job progress photographs

Investigations and Reports

- Accident investigation reports by general contractor/construction manager
- Accident investigation reports from police, fire, and emergency personnel
- Worker's Compensation First Report of Injury
- OSHA investigation of incident or reports from OSHA's previous inspections
- All incident photographs

Tools and equipment

- Owner's manual, manufacturer's safety information, model and serial number, factory recommended maintenance and modifications, history of modifications, repair history, equipment inspection documentation
- Crane inspection documentation (frequent, periodic, and annual)
- Lease agreement for equipment rental

Legal

- Pleadings
- Other experts' disclosures and citations