



### High injury rate = higher cost for consumers

Companies that take shortcuts with safety may also take shortcuts with the construction and renovations of homes. If companies have a high injury rate, the cost to build or renovate goes up. So ultimately, the consumer ends up paying more!

### The bottom line . . .

Consumers of new home construction or renovations can help us bring down injury rates and assist us in achieving our goal of *Mission: Zero* by asking these questions of their contractors.

#### A basic checklist to consider when hiring contractors:

- Is the company registered with the Workers' Compensation Board?
- Do they have a safety program? Are they COR™ certified?
- What will they do in case of emergencies?
- Are they working at heights where a worker may fall? If so, do they have a fall protection plan?
- What types of hazardous materials are being used? i.e. allergens, irritants, chemicals
- Does the company provide supervision of workers on site?
- Are supervisors and workers trained?
- What equipment will they be using? Can it be a hazard?
- How will they control hazards?
- Are there kids, pets, or other items to consider?
- How will they secure the site after hours?

Consumers benefit from builders that use strong safety management systems to prevent losing skilled tradespeople on your worksite...you can have greater confidence that your project will be *on time, on budget, with better quality*. Now *that's* achieving **Mission: Zero!**

