



FREE Construction Safety Training in the New Year

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The Construction Safety Council enjoys a partnership with PowerForward DuPage, as both organizations share a commitment to enhancing and preserving the well-being of IBEW Local 701 employers and employees.

In 2026, this partnership is expanding to include new opportunities for contractors and workers to participate in five different safety training sessions. The coursework has been developed by the Construction Safety Council and is offered at **no cost** - thanks to federal grant funding from the U.S. Department of Labor Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

FREE registration is now available on these topics:



Electrical Safety

The Standard for Electrical Safety in the Workplace (NFPA 70E) provides requirements for work practices and hazard identification, as well as the use of lockout/tagout and personal protective equipment (PPE). Gain insights about how to avoid accidents and improve your safety culture through effective risk prevention and control.



Harmful Silica

Barely visible, but dangerous nonetheless, respirable crystalline silica is the byproduct of sawing, drilling, and crushing concrete, stone, and brick. The dust particles are small enough to be inhaled deep into the lungs, where they can cause serious illness and fatal disease. Learn about the OSHA standard that includes specific measures for employers to protect employees from exposure, including engineering controls, work practices, and respirators.



Excavation Dangers

Working in and around trenches requires attention to multiple hazards, both below-grade and above-ground. And because excavation operations can turn tragic in an instant, everyone must be involved in preventing cave-ins through site inspections, soil/air analyses, and protective systems. The role of a competent person is especially important to ensure compliance with OSHA safety standards. Learn how to Slope – Shore – Shield for best results.



Workzone Hazards

Workzone safety is the predictable outcome of proper planning, combined with skills training, for individuals assigned to temporary traffic control areas. A thorough understanding of government regulations and the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) is essential - as is the placement and use of flags, signs, barricades, and message boards. Following best practices will reduce the risk of injury, both to workers and motorists.

