

Safety Is Our Job

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History

Mr. Leon Heath is the owner of **Jordstat Construction**. They are electrical contractors in the northern New York area. This contractor has been in business for 25 years.

Their safety program receives the same level of attention to detail as does the quality of their work. This has resulted in their building an excellent reputation as both a safe and conscientious contractor. This writer has reviewed several Jordstat projects over the past ten years. Here are a few examples of how they consistently make safety a part of their daily work.

On the Job

During the bid process for each project, all anticipated safety requirements are factored into the cost of doing business. This could include providing for safe access/egress for a utility excavation as part of their conduit installation.

Company electricians are trained in the proper requirements for safe trench work. On site *competent persons* have the authority to stop work for safety reasons and exercise it accordingly. This demonstrates their commitment to consistently safe job sites where management has set the tone that safety is not the *exception* but the norm.

Providing the proper equipment for use on the job is yet another way the company exercises due diligence. One example might be the use of new caged lighting on jobsites instead of cobbled up makeshift lights.

Insufficient lighting can be a contributing factor in the root cause of slip/fall/struck by incidents on jobsites.



Smart material and equipment selections made up front can save time and labor.



Protective light bulbs cages

Competitive Advantages

Since Jordstat Construction has established a good reputation for being safe and delivering quality work, they find themselves consistently included on approved contractor bid lists. This long standing commitment to safety and quality on the job has paid off long term. This is a good model for others to have.

Does your company have safety practices that can be improved or are very effective?

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