

Concrete Work Best Practices

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BACKGROUND AND BUSINESS ISSUE

An experienced concrete flatwork contractor, who forms, pours and finishes concrete sidewalks, driveways, and floor slabs for customers throughout the Finger Lakes area of New York State. This family owned and operated business gets a great deal of repeat business referrals. The owners do a good job of marketing their expertise.

During the first few safety consultations, work practices were reviewed and a structured work practice guideline was formulated that was specific to the concrete trade. The President of the company, wanted to reduce the frequency of minor injuries that the company has had while in business.

ACTION TAKEN

After reviewing several job sites, LP and the member developed a basic work practice guide that is specific to their concrete forming, pouring, and finishing work. This basic guide was based on safety and common sense.

The member used this guide and worked with his crews on a daily basis to improve their safety performance and allow them to be more efficient with the intent on attracting more local business.

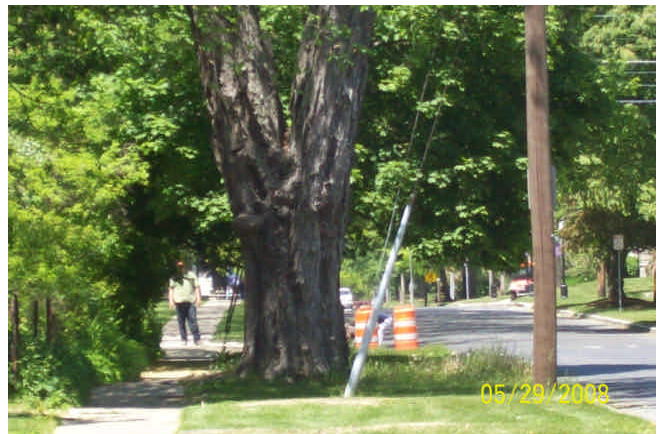
CHANGES THAT RESULTED

The company is currently working on a large project at Hobart College in Geneva, NY. By working closer to their home base, they save travel time and expense for customers and employees.

Because of the high level of craftsmanship offered by the company, they have experienced a consistent level of repeat and referral business. Knowledgeable project managers seek out experienced, safety-oriented contractors that can consistently deliver a quality product on time without incidents.

This safety performance translates into further bid work and more available resources for equipment and employee benefits.

The member recognizes the need for protecting their worksites. This safety practice, geared to protect pedestrians and direct jobsite traffic, also improves the protection of workers as they do their concrete work.



Barricading and Jobsite Protection.

Consistent application of simple but effective safety practices have provided the member with an acceptable return on investment. We compliment this Special Trades Trust Member on their work to continually look for ways to improve their field safety programs.

If you think your company is ready to realize a competitive advantage through safety action planning, then contact NYCM's Loss Prevention and Safety Specialist – Mark Balduzzi - mbalduzzi@workerscomp.com

NYCM Loss Prevention looks forward to working directly with members to achieve their safety best practice goals!