

SIGNIFICANT VALUE STORY

Seeing is Believing - Using Safe Practices on the Jobs

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BACKGROUND AND BUSINESS ISSUE

A family owned and operated contracting business in Skaneateles, NY has been in the construction business for 25 years. The owner was a superintendent for a large commercial contractor before starting his own construction company.

He has recognized the value of making safety a major component of preplanning and practice back then and to this day.

The company plans safety into their work from the bid stages of their jobs. They consistently follow through on their jobs with safety "best practices." We are pointing out one example of how they accomplish this daily on their jobs.

ACTION TAKEN

The contractor is currently working on two projects in the Skaneateles, NY area. We reviewed these projects in detail with the owner. One of his biggest concerns is fall protection on his jobs. Falls are the number one cause of injuries in the construction trade.

The company owns and uses heavy duty construction ladders. We saw these ladders in use on both sites.

They also own and use different sized **scissor lifts** and **knuckle boom lifts** to do their work at heights. This generally would be installing roof trusses or ceiling grids.

Employees use fall restraints on work platforms as needed. All aspects of safety are preplanned and *consistently* implemented throughout the job. This protects the company work force while allowing them to efficiently complete their high quality work. It is critically important to have the right equipment for the job.



Selection of lifts in the shop.



Rough terrain lifts on the job site.

We acknowledge this Special Trades Trust Member for their commitment to safe work practices on all of their jobs. It is no surprise they consistently have a backlog of work within a few miles of their home base.

To obtain more information about fall protection and other safety practices visit the Safety Resources Website at www.workerscomp.com or contact Mark Balduzzi, NYCM's Loss Prevention & Safety Specialist at mbalduzzi@workerscomp.com

Choosing to use "best practice" fall protection methods gives your company a competitive business advantage we all can live with.