



## Southwest Safety Training Alliance

### *Focus Four Hazards Training Program Description*

This training was developed by the Southwest Safety Training Alliance Inc. using funds from the OSHA's Susan B. 'Harwood Training Grant Program' (2006/2007) and is intended to be used in training construction workers and help make the construction jobsite a safer place to work.

Although construction workers makeup a little more than 6% of the American workforce, they account for more than 20% of all job-related fatalities each year. Construction continues to be one of the most hazardous industries in America. The Focus Four hazards (falls, electrocutions, struck-by's and caught-in's) continue to account for the over 80% of preventable fatalities in the construction industry. Over the last 11 years, on average, 640 workers (more than 50% of all construction fatalities) were needlessly killed and many more were injured despite Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standards and special emphasis enforcement programs.

More important than the total number of construction fatalities is the information on the causes of these accidents. Injuries and fatalities associated with the Focus Four hazards are preventable and occur when the guidance for the standards are not followed. It is this type of information that was used to develop this awareness program to improve construction safety through the reduction of accidents by addressing the Focus Four hazards.

It is imperative that additional safety emphasis be placed on the **Focus Four Hazards** in construction. It is important that safety and health programs contain provisions to protect workers from the **Focus Four Hazards** on the job. All components of the program are on this site for your use, the presentations have been saved as pdf files so they can be viewed by most trainers. If you have trouble and need help you can contact the SSTA office at the (408) 829 0580.

### **Who Should Attend?**

- Company Officers
- Managers
- Project Managers
- Supervisors
- Foremen
- Both Union and Non-Union contractors

### **What Will I Learn?**

- Focus Four Hazards statistics
- OSHA standards and Industry Best Practices to abate the Focus Four Hazards
- How to identify locations of the Focus Four Hazards
- Selection and criteria of Focus Four Hazards safety systems and equipment
- Training requirements for the Focus Four Hazards
- Other Construction Hazards

This one-day program can be as to train your workers.

Instructors Note: to Increase the effectiveness of this training the instructor should incorporate the trainees' company safety plan/policies/procedures whenever possible.