



May 28 — It's Not Just Your Space

Cleaning concrete debris from floor above and debris falling off through grading no barricade under it.	Barricade area from falling debris.
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The work was happening above. Cleaning. Moving material. Things coming off the floor.

And as it came down...It didn't stay contained. Debris was falling below. Not intentionally. Not aggressively.

Just gravity doing what it does. And underneath? That space was open.

Anyone walking by could pass right through it. Right into it. That's the part that gets missed.

You're focused on your work. Your area. Your task. But the hazard doesn't stay where you're working.

It travels. Downward. Outward. Into shared space. Nothing struck anyone. But the exposure was there the entire time. The correction was simple. Set the barricade. Control the area below.

Because safety isn't just about protecting yourself. It's about protecting the people who don't even know they're at risk.

Hazards

- Falling debris from elevated work
- Struck by injuries
- Uncontrolled work zone
- Exposure to others in shared space
- Line of fire exposure to gravity

Stats

- Struck-by incidents are a leading cause of workplace injuries
- Many involve falling objects from elevated work
- Unbarricaded areas increase risk to unaware workers
- Proper barricading significantly reduces exposure

Words of Wisdom

- What goes up will come down
- Control the space below your work
- Protect the people who don't see it coming.

Pause and Think

When you're working at height, your focus stays up there.

On the task. On the material. On what you're doing.

But the hazard doesn't stay with you.

It moves into areas where others are walking, working, and not expecting it.

And they don't get a warning.

- Am I controlling the area below my work?
- Would someone walking by know there's a hazard above?
- Am I protecting others not just myself?
- Would I set the barricade before starting?