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5 Things to Consider Before Breaking Ground

Ensuring the safety of a construction project from start to finish requires pre-planning. Such forethought enables a contractor to systematically consider and address:



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1 The work to be done and each activity associated with it
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2 Means and methods related to work activities
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3 Potential exposures that could result in accidents
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4 Controls to be incorporated into specific activities to eliminate and/or control exposure
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5 Safety equipment, material, and procedures that must be secured and formulated to perform work safely

In addition, each subcontractor on a project should be required to submit a job safety task analysis (JSTA) to the general contractor or construction manager for review.

No contractor should be allowed to start work without a signed contract and approved JSTA.

Pre-planning can enable a project to flow smoothly, on schedule, and on budget.

Whether it is purchasing long-lead items, performing value engineering, obtaining permits, preparing shop drawings, ordering material and manpower, or formulating construction schedules, pre-planning is essential to a project's success. Pre-planning for safety is no different.