

**Safety installation support for construction sites under 5 billion,**

**Up to \$ 16.5 thousand per business site, 3 sites per year for the same business owner**

- KOSHA will provide financial support to the rental of system scaffolding and the purchase of safety net to prevent fall accidents at small construction projects worth below 4.1 million USD<sup>1)</sup>.
- This program is designed to prevent fall accidents at small construction projects worth below 4.1 million USD, which account for 65.8% of the total fatalities by accident in construction sites. The program is expected to provide the following:
  - For installation of system scaffolding, up to 16.5 thousand USD will be provided depending on installation area;
  - For purchasing of safety net, 65% of the expenses will be supported where construction project size is less than 250 thousand USD, 60% where it is from 250 thousand to less than 1.65 million USD, and 50% where it is from 1.65 million USD to less than 4.1 million USD;
  - Business owners can receive up to 20 million won per construction site to install fall accident prevention facilities, and if the business owner operates multiple sites, up to three sites can receive support per year;
  - Construction projects worth less than 4.1 million USD are eligible for the program and a total of 46 million USD will be supported.

- For 6 years from 2013 to 2018, workplaces that received KOSHA's supports had an accident rate of 2.74%, which is 0.31 percentage points lower than that of the unsupported (3.05%). Therefore, the following decisions have been made:

- 46 million USD has been allocated for this years budget, which has increased by 19 million USD (72.3%) from 27 million USD last year.
- In addition, the eligibility has been expanded from only general contractors, which are original contractors, to specialized contractors, which are partners\*.

\* Partners (companies) are limited to those that have dual licenses for rebar/concrete construction and scaffolding/structural dismantling construction.

- Application for the construction site safety installation support can be done by visiting a local branch of KOSHA or at Clean Project website (clean.kosha.or.kr). For more information, please contact 1544-3088 (direct line).
- According to the November 2019 industrial accident statistics, 404 people died by accident in the construction industry, of which 266 took place in small-scale sites with project size worth less than 4.1 million USD, accounting for more than half (65.8%) of all construction industry related deaths.

■ 2019 fatalities caused by accident - in the construction industry by project size

Category	Total	below 4.1 million USD	4.1 million USD- 41 million USD	41 million USD- 124 million USD	124 million USD or above	no category found
No. of deaths by accident	404	266	77	33	22	6
%	100%	65.8%	19.1%	8.2%	5.4%	1.5%

- Among them, 183 deaths (68.7%) took place in small construction projects worth less than 4.1 million USD.

1) To help readers understand better, the unit KRW was converted to approximate USD

- President Doo-yong Park of KOSHA said, “small construction projects have relatively smaller financial means, so it is difficult for them to properly manage safety” and hoped, “the financial support program could contribute to the actual prevention of fall accidents, thereby securing the safety of construction sites and saving the precious lives of the workers.

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