

# Shock figures show almost 200 construction workers killed since 2013



**No one should go to work not knowing if they are going to make it through the day unharmed – or even alive says GMB Union**

Almost 200 construction workers have been killed and more than 26,000 seriously injured at work in recent years, shocking statistics reveal.

A total of **195 people have been killed** doing construction work since 2013, official figures show.



Causes of death include falls, electrocution, explosions, drowning and asphyxiation.

A further 26,007 have suffered injuries such as fractures, amputations, serious burns and loss of consciousness.

Between 2010 and 2020, the Conservative led Government will have **cut funding and resources from the Health and Safety Executive** by £100 million.

## The Building for Britain Pledge



The graphic features a list of ten pledges on the left, the 'THE BUILDING for BRITAIN PLEDGE' logo with a crane icon on the right, and the GMB UNION logo and 'MAKING IT' slogan at the bottom left. A large white rectangular area is present on the right side of the graphic.

- Direct labour and an end to 'bogus self-employment'
- An industry wide strategic regulatory body with a clear and enforceable national strategy for the prevention of blacklisting
- The introduction of an ethical procurement code for publicly funded projects that are tendered through local authorities and governments
- Real freedom of association for construction workers, which means the right to have union representatives and facilities on-site and during induction and training processes
- An industry wide zero harm culture that ensures construction workers health, safety and well-being are at the heart of every project.
- An industry wide commitment to secure a more diverse workforce that is sustainable for the future
- Investment in traditional craft apprenticeships, adult up skilling and training that can deliver high skilled jobs and real opportunities for local communities
- The implementation of industry standard national agreements as a minimum, with publicly funded projects delivering the highest possible standards of employment

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The figures emerge at GMB's National Manufacturing Conference in Belfast today [Tuesday November 5, 2019].

Delegates will sign GMB's new '**Building for Britain**' charter aimed at tackling health and safety in the construction industry -among other issues facing the profession.

**Jude Brimble, GMB National Secretary, said:**

"No one should go to work not knowing if they are going to make it through the day unharmed – or even alive.

"Construction work is highly skilled and can be dangerous, but these figures are absolutely unacceptable.



“Boris Johnson may think health and safety campaigners are the 'Royal Society for the Extremely Stupid' - but these are people’s lives we are talking about.

“That’s why we will be discussing our Building for Britain pledge at GMB’s manufacturing conference today - to tackle these issues and make construction industry and safer, more inclusive place to work.”

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