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## **ACCNJ, Labor Partners Host Industry Safety Day to Promote Safe Construction Sites Across New Jersey**

**Edison, NJ** – [Associated Construction Contractors of New Jersey \(ACCNJ\)](#), their labor partners, and representatives from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) hosted an Industry Safety Day to highlight the importance of safety on construction sites and share best practices for protecting both workers and the surrounding community on Wednesday, May 7. In addition, ACCNJ member Milwaukee Tool showed support by visiting more than 90 sites throughout the week and sharing how the company continues to advance technology for a safer workplace. ACCNJ's Safety Day took place during "[Construction Safety Week](#)", the construction industry's annual week-long, safety-focused event designed to promote worker safety and wellness held from May 5-9.

"Our member companies employ thousands of dedicated workers who put their lives at risk every day to build and maintain the infrastructure that keeps New Jersey residents safe," **said Jack Kocsis, Chief Executive Officer, ACCNJ.** "Especially during Mental Health Awareness Month, ACCNJ is proud to highlight how our labor partners work together with our member companies to ensure every worker goes home safe to their families and loved ones at the end of every day."

The theme of ACCNJ's 2025 Industry Safety Day was accountability, and events emphasized that a culture focused on accountability works to proactively minimize exposure to hazards in the workplace. Measures of success for accountability discussed were participation in safety training, involvement in the safety community, near-miss reporting, and job safety analysis efforts.

On Safety Day, ACCNJ members conducted special safety trainings at dozens of sites throughout New Jersey to emphasize their commitment to a "Safety First" mentality while on job sites. Safety and training personnel from ACCNJ's partnering construction trade unions participated in and hosted events for apprentices at their facilities, while contractor members also hosted recognition ceremonies to show their appreciation to their employees and craftworkers for keeping safety a top priority year-round.

Safety remains a top concern across the construction industry, especially as construction

consistently ranks among the most dangerous professions. [According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), 1,075 construction workers lost their lives due to injuries sustained while on the job in 2023 - resulting in a fatality rate of 9.6 per 100,000 full-time workers. The union contractors represented by ACCNJ and the union trades remain committed to reversing these trends by incorporating safety in all skills training classes in addition to investing millions of dollars each year for hundreds of safety training and education programs. Throughout the year, workers receive education tailored to specific skills such as first aid and CPR, traffic flagging, scaffold training, and crane rigging and signaling.

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ACCNJ represents general building contractors, construction managers, and heavy, highway, site development and utility contractors in New Jersey that employ tens of thousands of skilled union craftworkers each year. Members are responsible for billions of dollars in commercial, industrial, heavy, highway, utility, and institutional construction projects annually. The Association is committed to raising the standards of construction in New Jersey throughout quality, integrity, skill, and responsibility. To learn more please visit: [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).