

# Wrongful Deaths in the Workplace Major Issues

There are employers out there who, to put it mildly, have no business having employees at all. These are the types of employers that will ask their employees to take unreasonable risks, who will provide them with equipment that is not properly maintained and who will ask them to take on jobs for which the employee has not been properly trained. There are situations where you should not take an employer's orders and here are some of them.

## No Fall Equipment

Remember that there are strict regulations regarding fall arrest equipment for employees who have to work on high places. If you're asked to scale something that is too high to be safe or to use a ladder or other equipment without proper equipment or training, don't do it. You may be putting yourself at risk of life and limb. When the best case scenario is that your family might win a wrongful death claim for losing you, you are in a lose/lose situation, for sure.

## No Lockout

Anytime you are asked to work on or in equipment that could injure or kill you if it were turned on, you need to be trained in and using a proper lockout/tagout process. This involved locking the machine up so that it cannot be turned on and putting a tag on the on switch so that people know that you're working in the machine. This simple procedure is an OSHA requirement under certain circumstances and can save your life.

## No Ventilation

Never take orders to work with dangerous chemicals or to work in confined spaces without proper ventilation. Even sticking your head down a pipe or sewer where there is gas present can cause you to lose consciousness and, possibly, your life. Be sure that any confined space entry requirements of your job also come with the proper training. It's literally a matter of life and death.

## Suing

If you lost a loved one because an employer was negligent, contact a [wrongful death lawyer](#). They might agree to take you on as a client and to help you pursue a lawsuit against the company responsible for the loss. For some families, this is the only route to financial recovery and can make sure that your family does not suffer financial issues in addition to the grief that comes with losing someone. These lawyers will usually consult with you for free, so call one as soon as possible.