GUARDRAIL SAFETY

While guardrails may seem like a small detail, their impact on overall job-site safety is significant. It can take only two minutes to properly install a guardrail - and that can be the difference between life and death.

1 JOB-SITE VISITORS
Two groups visit a job-site during construction:

**PLANNED**
- employees, subcontractors, inspectors, deliveries

**UNPLANNED**
- potential trespassers, neighbors, children

2 DAILY INSPECTION
Inspect these fall locations before beginning work and at the end of each day:
- Window openings
- Stairways and landings
- Second-story entrances
- Porches, decks, front steps
- Scaffolding
- Around the floor deck in the house (reassess these areas as you build each floor)
- Holes or openings

3 PROPER HEIGHT
Ensure proper heights for guardrails:
- **TOP RAIL**: 42” (+/- 3”)
- **MID RAIL**: 21” (+/- 3”)
- **TOE BOARD**: 4”

4 TOE BOARDS
Toe boards must be installed to prevent materials and/or tools from falling to lower levels.

5 APPLIED FORCE
Guardrail systems must resist a force of:
- **TOP RAIL**: 200 lbs
- **MID RAIL**: 150 lbs
- **TOE BOARD**: 50 lbs

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