



## **Children and Construction**

Most construction sites are like oil and water for children; they don't mix. Conversely, like iron and a magnet, children are attracted to any type of construction. Children like to explore.

### **Guide for Discussion Some general observations:**

Children don't recognize hazards as well as those who work on site. Locked equipment may still be a hazard. All excavations are potential forts or swimming pools. Scaffolds become gym sets.

### **Discouraging children:**

Don't allow children on site during the day. Erect a site fence. Mark excavations with signs or guard or both. (Remember: Fall protection rules.) Group and lock up equipment at night. Post "No Trespassing" signs. Ask for regular police patrols to check out your jobsite. If necessary, post a guard.

### **Additional Discussion Notes:**

Remember: Most children will respect the builder's wishes and stay out. But some will not, and these are the ones that can get hurt or hurt your project from a vandalism standpoint. Experience indicates that those who have had a child injured on their sites find it can be quite a burden on one's conscience. We don't want that to happen on our job sites.

Attendees:

**NOTE:** Always promote a discussion on any of the topics covered in the Tool Box Talks. Should any question arise that you cannot answer, don't hesitate to contact your Employer.