

Assembly Bill 23

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Construction Suicide Prevention Awareness Day in California

Assembly Bill 23 is introduced by the Associated Builders and Contractors of California to establish a statewide day of awareness, recognizing the construction industry, including construction craft laborers, electrical, plumbing, and mechanical, and related trades, as a high-risk industry for suicide. The bill would establish a day of awareness for construction workers in California.

Now, more than ever, suicide is a leading cause of death in California. According to the National Institute of Mental Health, suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the US, 2nd leading cause of death in the age group of 34, and 4th leading cause of death in the 35 to 54.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 40% of construction workers have reported a suicide in the industry.