



Brooklyn, New York Construction Death Highlights Scaffolding Risks

NY lawyer Steven J. Schwartzapfel says strict government rules must be followed to avoid unsafe conditions.

New York, NY ([PRWEB](#)) August 20, 2009 -- The death this week of a 42-year-old construction worker at a Brooklyn apartment highlights the deadly risks posed by scaffolding accidents, a prominent New York attorney says.

"Working at elevated heights involves substantial risk, often resulting in serious injury and death," said Steven J. Schwartzapfel, founding partner of [Schwartzapfel Truhowsky Marcus P.C.](#), a NY personal injury law firm. "New York has some of the best scaffolding laws in the country to protect workers. Unfortunately, all too frequently those laws are ignored by owners and contractors."

In the Brooklyn case, a construction worker fell to his death on Aug. 18, 2009 while investigating improperly secured scaffolding, according to a New York Times report. When a rope connection failed, the scaffolding detached from the fifth story wall and the worker fell to a first floor terrace.

"In representing construction workers and their families, our firm has seen far too many accidents like this," Schwartzapfel said. "The sad part is that usually they are preventable. Often we find that corporations and contractors place their profits over worker safety."

The firm of Schwartzapfel Truhowsky Marcus P.C. has represented thousands of New York construction workers. The firm's attorneys have extensive knowledge and expertise in the investigation and litigation of [scaffolding and construction accidents](#). The firm's Web site includes information on New York scaffolding laws and causes of scaffolding accidents, including:

- Falls from elevation due to lack of fall protection;
- Falls due to no safety lines, netting or fall arrest systems;
- Collapse of the scaffold caused by instability or overloading;
- Collapse of the scaffold caused by faulty assembly;
- Collapse of the scaffold caused by failure to maintain the scaffold in good working condition.

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