

## **Pepper Construction Group Transitions from Traditional Hard Hats to Type II Helmets on Jobsites to Prioritize Worker Safety**

**CHICAGO, IL – September 5, 2023** Pepper Construction has announced the firm will adopt new construction helmets on jobsites to improve safety and reduce the risk of injuries in the field, beginning October, 2023. This switch is part of an industry-wide shift away from traditional hard hats as traumatic brain injuries have increased in recent years.

Construction helmets are designed to account for hazards above the wearer, as traditional hard hats do, while also providing additional safety features for threats from the side and rear. The chin strap offers additional security during potential falls, slips, trips or impacts to the wearer. The breathable padding inside the helmet provides optimal security while maintaining comfort and ventilation.

Workers can also choose to activate a programable smart chip that is embedded in the helmet which can provide critical health information on the spot.

"Our decision to transition to advanced helmets signifies our proactive commitment to the safety and welfare of our team members," said Stan Pepper, Chairman of Pepper Construction Group. "By investing in innovative head protection, we underscore our culture of safety that not only prevents accidents but also sets an example for the industry as a whole. Pepper consistently adopts new technologies that make our people safer and more productive. This is the next step towards a healthier tomorrow for everyone on our jobsites."

The new features offered by these helmets can significantly reduce the risk of traumatic brain injuries, which are the leading cause of injury-related death and disability worldwide. The CDC reports that traumatic brain injuries represent one quarter of all construction fatalities.

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