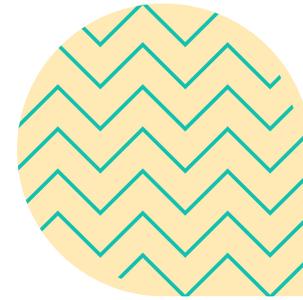
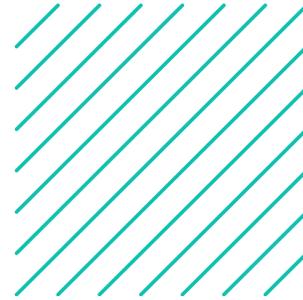
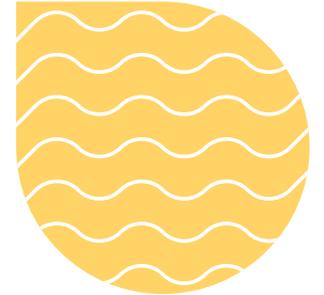
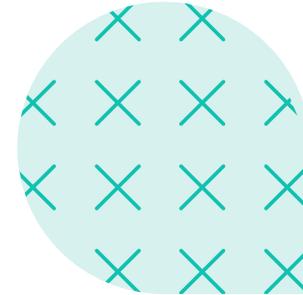




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# An update on safety in construction from an inspector's perspective

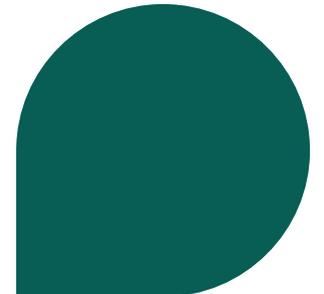


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Senior engineer - Norwegian Labour Inspection Authority

NIVA Education - Webinar Practical Perspectives on Safety Promotion in Construction,

Friday, 13 February, 2026



# Norway

- 5,6 million people (2025)

## Land-based

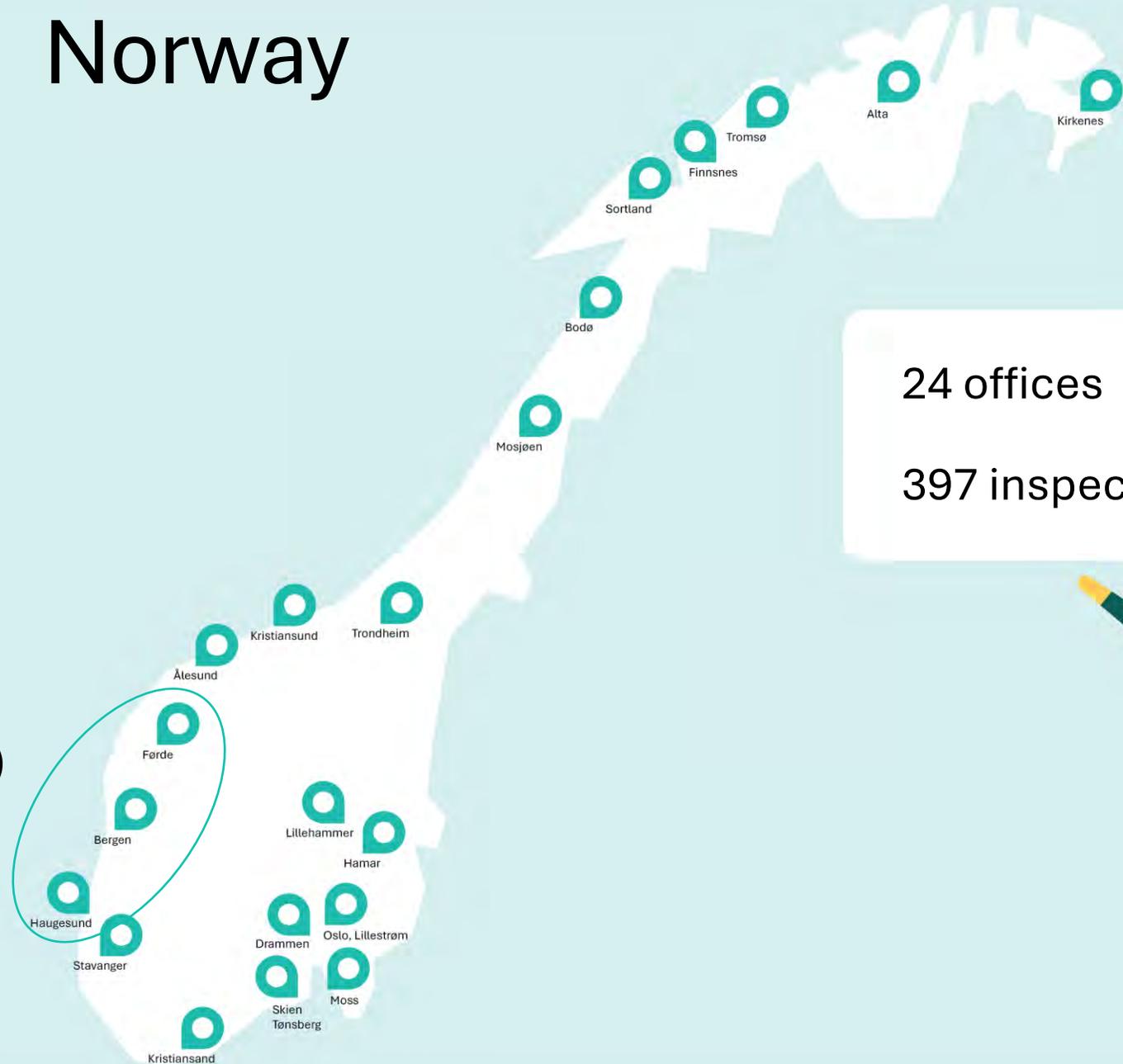
- 223 000 companies
- 2,8 million workers

## 2024 – Construction

- 72 000 companies
- 260 000 workers

## 2025 – Construction

- 4500 supervisions (30,4 %)



# Occupational accidents – Norway (2021-2025)

Number of occupational fatalities (land-based)

2021: 31  
2022: 27  
2023: 26  
2024: 20  
2025: 30

Number of occupational fatalities in construction sector

2021: 9  
2022: 8  
2023: 6  
2024: 2  
2025: 2



Construction companies (2021-2025):

Types	accidents	accidents with serious injury according to the def.	occupational	deaths
Fall	34 %	41 %		37 %
Stabbed/cut by a sharp/pointed object	15 %	17 %		0 %
Hit/struck by an object	14 %	14 %		4 %
Crushed/trapped	10 %	12 %		26 %

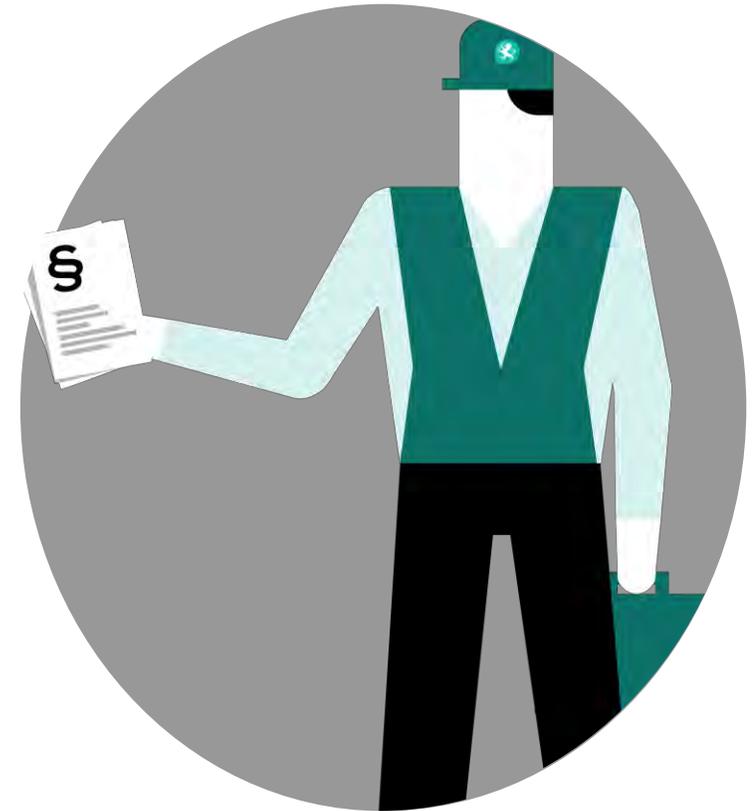
# Inspection - Control & Guidance

Construction companies

- Construction client, general contractor and sub-contractors

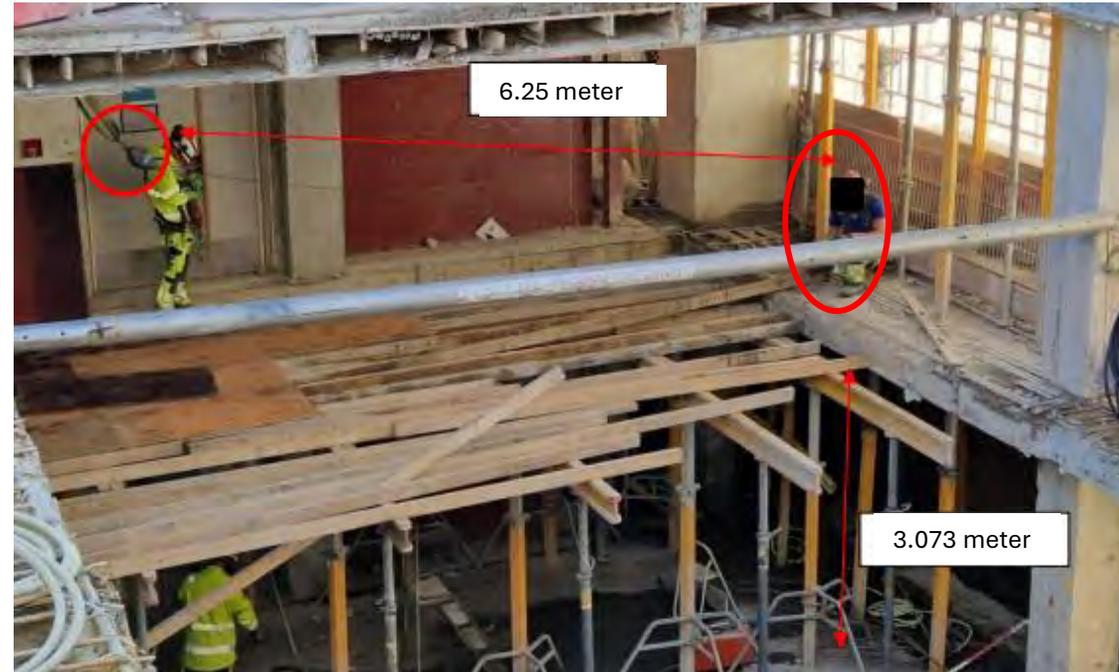
Signal (2nd edition, 2025) - Presents insights and experience from Labour inspectors (The Norwegian Labour Inspection Authority)

- Challenges related to conducting inspections
- The industry is characterised by economic uncertainty
- Difficult to build trust - Administrative Fines (overtredelsesgebyr)
- Lack of focus on psychosocial work environment factors
- Insufficient competence among OSH coordinators
- Lack of use of occupational health service
- Unsecured work at height
- Incorrect use of work equipment etc.

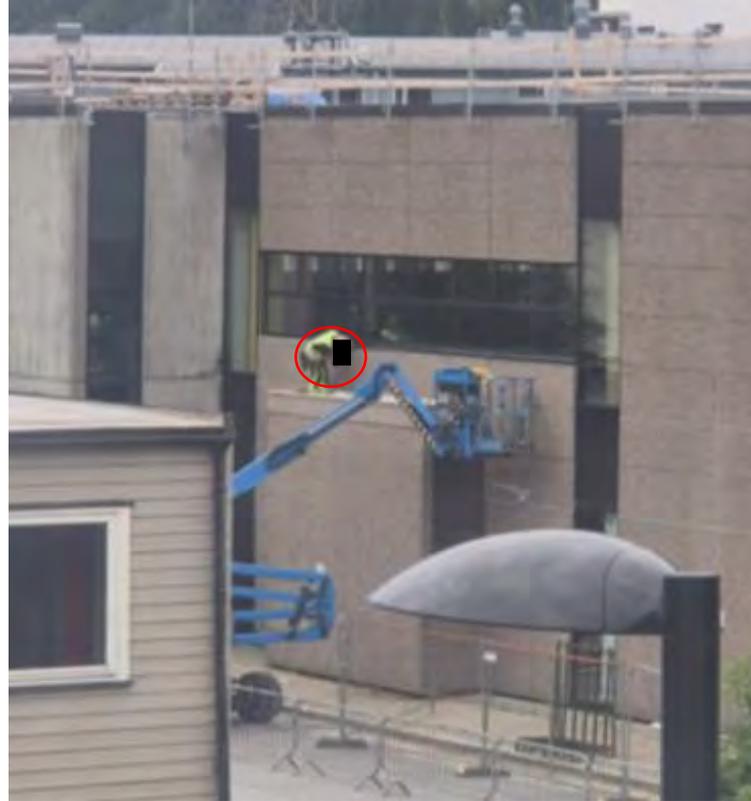


Source: [Laws and Regulations](#) and [Signal](#)

# Construction sites - Working at heights



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# Inspections 2025 - Førde/Bergen/Haugesund (T1V)

## Inspections of construction companies

- Working conditions, accident- and disease prevention etc.
  - Violations rate - 71.2 %

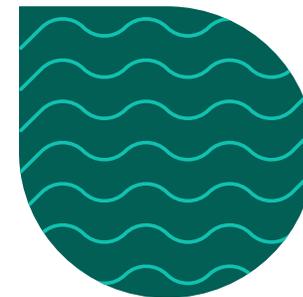
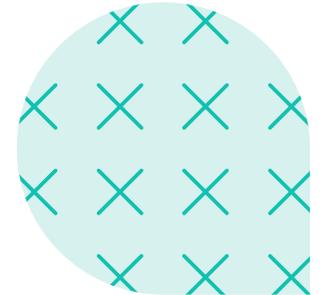
## Prevention of occupational accidents

- in more than 20% of inspections, work has been stopped due to risk of fatal accidents



# Fatal fall accident in Norway in 2023

- Employer was sentenced to prison after the trial in 2025
- Work on roofs steeper than 10 degrees
- Edge protection systems according to NS-EN 13374



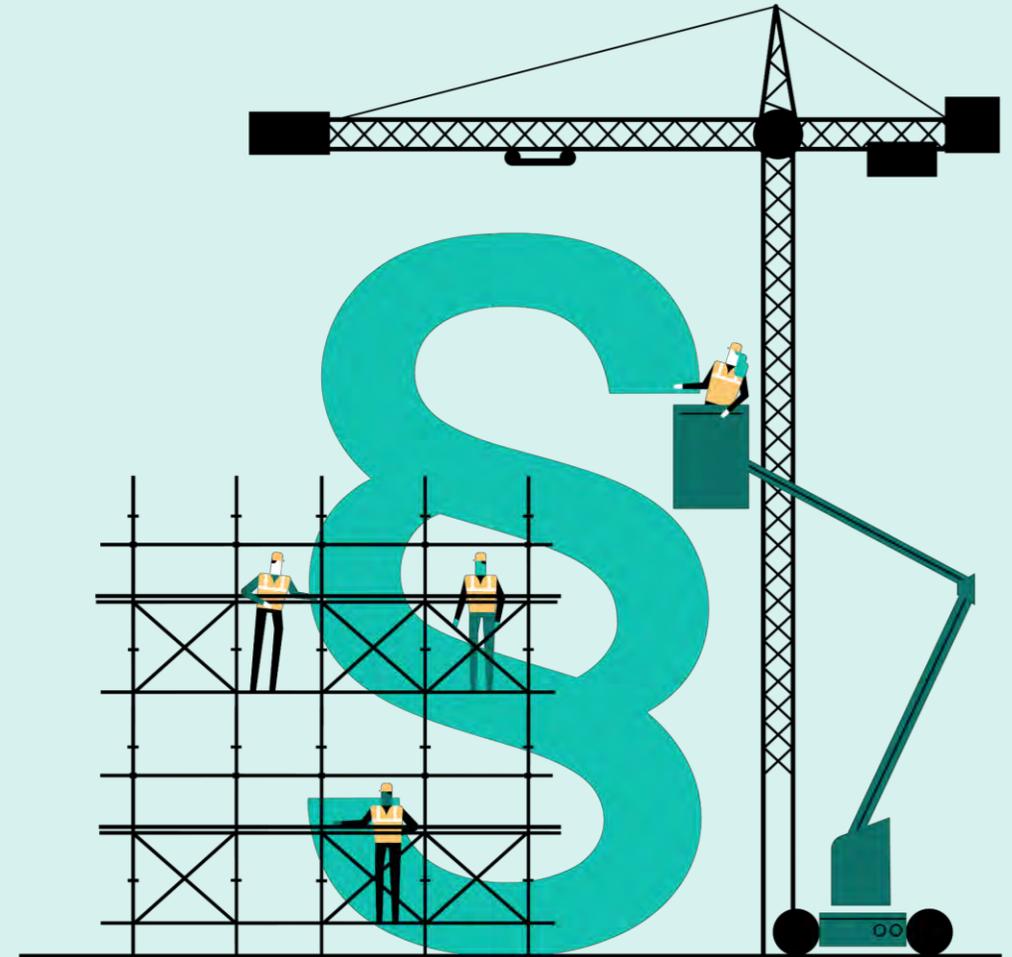
# Is this guardrail safe enough, working on roofs?



# Newsletters

- Many scaffolds are built by workers who lack sufficient and documented training (06.01.2026)
- Deformed and broken scaffold components, as well as cuplers that are not capable of serving as anchorage points for fall protections, can occur when scaffolding parts from different manufacturers are mixed (30.06.2025)
- Incorrect use of fall-protection equipment (20.06.2025).
- Edge protection saves lives (02.02.2024)

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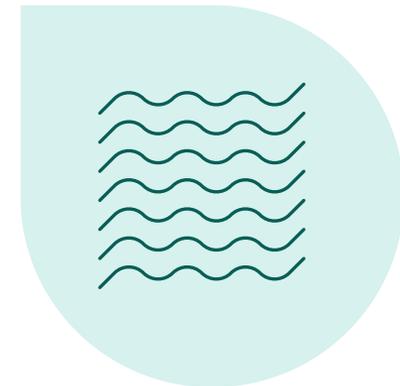
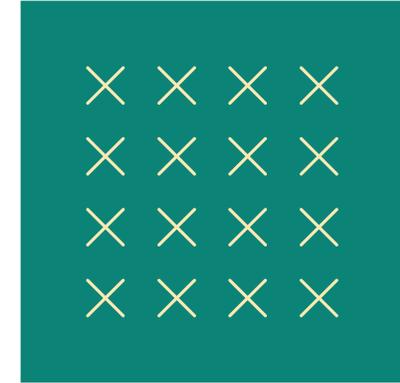
NIVA Education Tuesday, 19.05.2026 Malmø

11.00–11.45 **Labour inspections. What can be found, and what are the challenges?**

**Silje Lunde Vassbotten,**  
Norwegian Labour  
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13.30–14.15 **The Regulatory Gap: Bridging Law and Practice**

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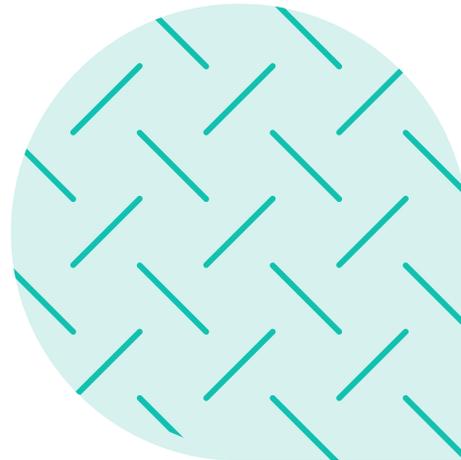




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