

# Public Safety During Construction



## Minnesota State Capitol Restoration Project

Architectural Integrity. Building  
Functionality. Life Safety.

The Capitol is an active construction site. Your safety is our number one priority. We have incorporated the highest level of safety measures into every procedure.

### Protecting the Public

- Fire and life-safety systems will remain operational throughout the building. Fire extinguishers are located throughout the construction area. Existing fire safety mechanisms in public areas will remain in place.
- All areas used by the public and construction workers will be kept clean and free of hazards at all times.
- Lighting will be maintained in all public areas.
- Physical walls and other barriers are in place to protect the public from construction zones.
- Construction entrances will have doors that are clearly marked with signs to prevent accidental entrance by unauthorized individuals and the general public.
- Reasonable ADA accommodations will be maintained.

### Environmental Monitoring

- During dust-creating activities, work areas will use sealed enclosures and high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filtration machines to minimize dust migration into public areas.
- Wireless environmental monitoring equipment has been installed to monitor air quality, temperature, humidity, sound levels, and vibration, with preset thresholds throughout the building. The construction team is instantly alerted if any element reaches its threshold.

### Meeting Safety Standards

- Governing authorities will review and approve all temporary life-safety measures and exit pathways during each phase of construction.
- The St. Paul Fire Department will periodically review the project site (both public areas and construction zones) to help identify any potential public safety concerns.
- OSHA has performed periodic inspections of the jobsite. No safety violations have been found. OSHA will continue to inspect the jobsite throughout the project.
- As of July 24, 2014, there have been no lost-time injuries on the Minnesota State Capitol Restoration Project going back to 2010, when the exterior project started.
- J.E. Dunn has a fulltime onsite safety officer, Chuck Krusac, to help ensure all work is conducted in a safe manner.
- Each subcontractor employs a safety director that participates in site inspections and offers findings and feedback.
- All construction workers are required to attend jobsite orientation prior to starting work at the Capitol. Jobsite orientation focuses on safety issues related to working in an occupied historic landmark building. Weekly safety meetings further emphasize worker and public safety.
- JE Dunn has a zero-tolerance harassment and misconduct policy.
- Workers and the public are encouraged to act upon and/or report any safety issues they may see.