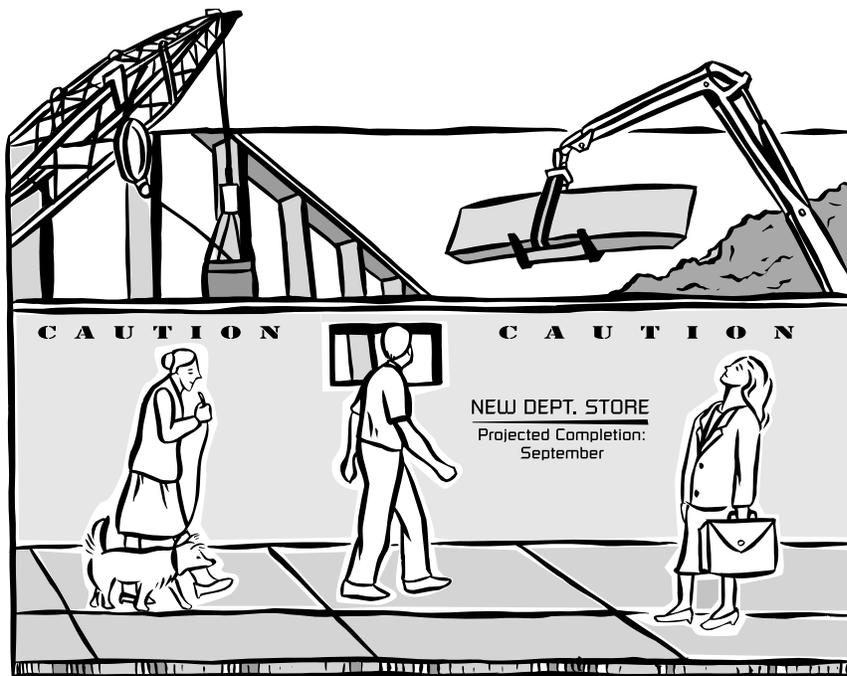


Safe Sidewalks, the Public and You

On a construction site, you expect to walk across broken rock or climb over ditches. You automatically keep a lookout for crane counterweights, things falling from scaffolds, and equipment and materials in your path. But what about people who are just walking past your worksite and don't expect safety hazards?



AVOIDING LAWSUITS

Pedestrian accidents are not covered by worker's compensation. Pedestrians can and do sue construction companies for injuries they sustain in work areas. These lawsuits mean higher insurance rates for your employer, which can affect your paycheck in the long run.

WATCH OUT FOR THE PUBLIC

- ✓ Keep the sidewalk clean.
- ✓ Be sure not to leave anything, from a loose nail to a load of bricks, on a sidewalk used by pedestrians.
- ✓ Use barricades to keep the public away from damaged or hazardous sidewalks.
- ✓ Pedestrians may not be on the lookout for a new crack in the sidewalk caused by construction work.
- ✓ Mend or report cracks immediately.
- ✓ Ask yourself if the sidewalk is safe for a person who may have impaired eyesight, hearing, reflexes or mobility.