

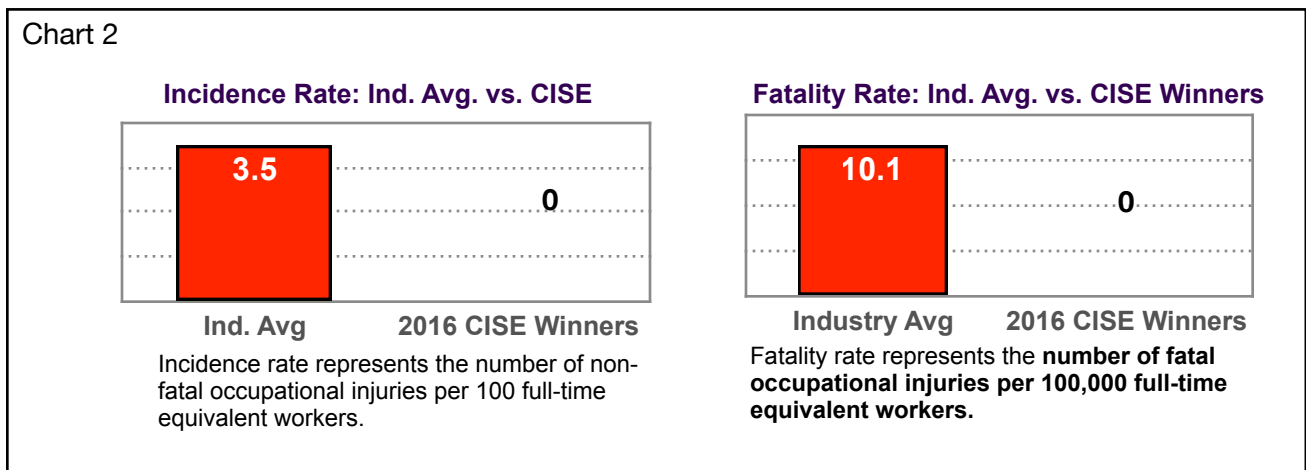
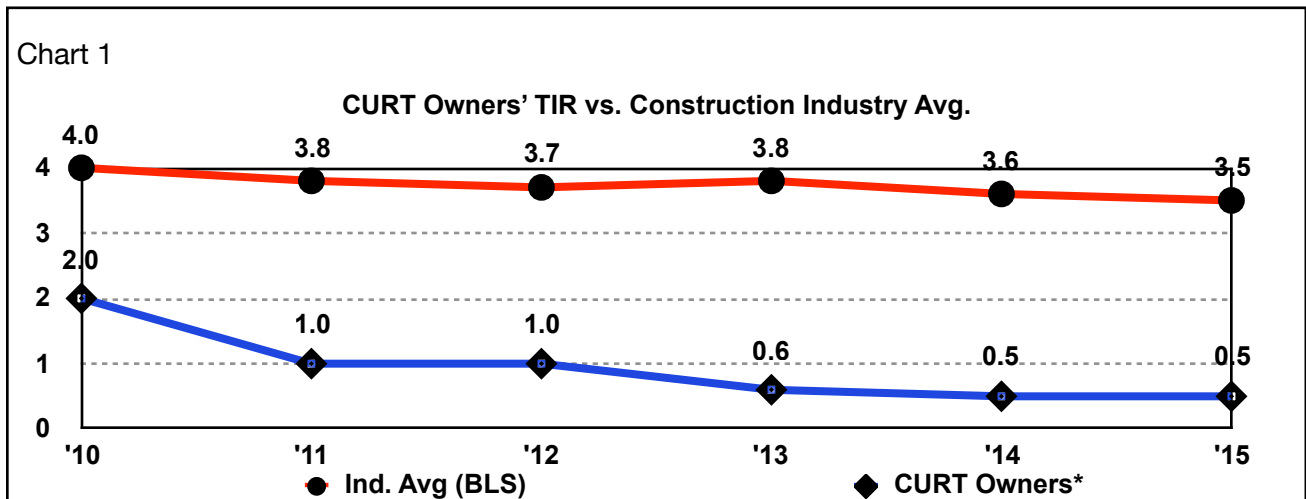
CURT Owner Safety Blueprint (OSB) Training Program Overview

Safety is a business deliverable as well as a personal commitment. True leaders in the construction industry focus on reducing the risk of occupational injuries and illnesses on their projects. By reducing the number of safety incidents everyone benefits by keeping valuable craft workers and supervisors on the job. This ensures productivity, quality, and morale stay high while project costs are controlled.

CURT created the **Construction Owners' Safety Blueprint** as a strategic guideline for safety management that any organization can follow, provided it will commit itself to direct involvement and the time and resources that are required. To be successful, it requires:

1. Setting the expectations for safety that each stakeholder will be expected to deliver.
2. Establishing a safety culture that reinforces the OSB's "Guiding Principles for Safety"; from project inception through closeout.
3. A process to plan, perform, monitor, measure, report, and redirect safety management efforts to ensure achievement of all safety-related objectives in the project life cycle.

CURT members, in general, out perform the construction industry in safety performance. (See Chart 1.) **CURT also awards owners and contractors that have excellent performance with their Construction Industry Safety Excellence (CISE) Award. Winners must show evidence they follow the OSB guidelines to their fullest. As shown in Chart 2, the CISE Award winners have exemplary safety performance and this has historically been the case.**



To assist the construction industry in minimizing risk to workers while improving business sustainability, CURT has created an **OSB training course**. It is designed to help organizations in getting started on their path to developing a top-level safety culture, or to help those that want to strengthen their current culture. Topics covered include, but are not limited to:

- CURT's Safety "Guiding Principles"
- The 5 Safety Expectations for all stakeholders
- Establishing a culture of safety on projects including contract development, prequalification, bids, and from pre-construction to demobilization
- Monitoring safety performance
- Construction Health & Safety Management System - 16 Tactical Elements.
- Creating a safety culture in developing countries (optional)

In previous years, owners often depended solely on contractors to develop and implement safety programs for their projects. Unfortunately, that led to gaps in knowledge, expectations, accountability, and responsibilities. To address these gaps, CURT owners and contractors developed the OSB to provide guidance and clarity for all stakeholders regarding key aspects of safety management on construction projects. With safety roles, processes, and expectations mutually understood from the onset of a project, the risk of injuries is significantly decreased.

This course is designed not only for safety professionals, but for construction directors and managers, project /construction engineers, and professionals just starting their construction careers. The goal is to show the importance of safety being a value throughout an organization.

Companies such as Merck & Co., Proctor & Gamble, Eli Lilly & Co., ExxonMobil, Johnson & Johnson, Toyota, General Motors, Gilbane Building Co., AECOM, Turner Construction, BMWC Constructors, Inc., Graycor Industrial Constructors Inc., URS, and so many others have seen the benefits of the OSB within their organizations and their project teams.

All who attend the full course will get a Certificate of Completion that may qualify the attendee for up to 6 CEUs. There is also an option for attendees to take a multiple choice exam on the OSB training course content. Those who score at least an 80% will also receive a Certificate of Mastery that certifies they understand the key OSB concepts. They are encouraged to apply these concepts within their organization, as appropriate. This certification can also be shared with construction owners and contractors as evidence your organization is committed to continuous improvement in safety and continuing education of your staff.

No one can deny there are hazards associated with construction work. However, construction owners can protect workers and themselves if they are willing to lead the way by using the **Plan-Do-Check-Act (PDCA) cycle** to identify risks (strategic through tactical) and implement proactive processes and programs to minimize those risks. The CURT OSB training will help guide your organization to improved safety performance, quality, productivity, and morale, all while optimizing cost.

If you would like more information on the CURT OSB or the OSB training program, please call the CURT offices at (513) 563-4131 or email Todd@SizemoreCo.com.

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