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GPI Newsletter January 2025



**The newsletter of the Generic Gateway
Instruction in the construction industry.**



Ook in 2025 werken we veilig en maken we risico's bespreekbaar!

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GPI top 10

The new GPI has been live since last November 2024. The highest scoring companies so far are therefore put in the (winter) spotlight. There are three categories of companies:

- Small companies
- Medium-sized companies
- Large companies

Click the button below to see if your company is in the top 10. Not in the top 10 with your company yet? Then discuss the risks with your colleagues and do GPI together!

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GPI Satisfaction Survey

In February and March, we will send out a survey to investigate how satisfied GPI candidates are with instruction. This survey is part of a large-scale study on the Return on Investment on learning from GPI. We will share the results of the survey in this newsletter later this year.

Everyone who logs into GPI will see the survey invitation starting in February. Would you like to participate? Then fill out our questionnaire.

[Go to the questionnaire](#)

New functionalities

The GPI is renewed every year. But numerous updates, improvements and renewals also happen in between. For example, the new GPI chatbot is now live! Among other things, this AI chatbot helps you with your questions about how the GPI works. You can find the chatbot at the bottom right of your screen behind the GPI logo:

Hoi, ik ben chatbot Jim. Waarmee kan ik je vandaag helpen?



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In addition, a number of other technical innovations have been made to the GPI. You can read more about them in the January 27, 2025 release notes.

Lecture: Leadership in Safety

During the Safety Breakfast of the Governance Code Safety in Construction, Prof. Dr. Jop Groeneweg spoke about effective leadership in safety. Although safety culture has improved considerably over the past decades, he emphasized that the most successful companies in this area meet a number of important criteria:

- Mistakes are inevitable: People make mistakes, so it is smart to prepare for them.
- Context affects behavior: A good, supportive work environment helps prevent mistakes.
- Blaming doesn't help: A blame culture discourages openness. Rather, focus on improving systems.
- Learning is essential: It is important to learn from both successes and mistakes. Involve everyone, from project manager to subcontractors to construction workers.
- How you respond matters: How you handle incidents determines the safety culture. Make sure what you say and do match.

Companies, and by extension their employees, play a key role in reinforcing these principles. Want to know more? Prof. Dr. Groeneweg's complete [lecture can be seen \(and read\) here](#).

Assassins: the cold winter months

In this column, we highlight the unexpected but influential risks in your work. We call these risks assassins, because the effects only strike when you least expect it - sometimes years later!

Although this winter's frosts have not been too bad, it is important to stay alert even in milder weather. After all, working in the cold without proper protection or PPE can have long-lasting effects on your body. Even if you think you are little affected by the cold, it can cause damage over time.

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Winter brings specific hazards in the workplace. We list the main risks and tips for you:

Slipperiness

In winter it is slippery more quickly due to moisture and frost. This ensures that you have less grip on scaffolding and ladders. Make sure your work shoes have sufficient profile and hold on to banisters and railings as much as possible.

Faster fatigue

In the cold, your body uses more energy to keep itself warm. This can cause you to fatigue faster, reducing your concentration and increasing the likelihood of making mistakes.

Problems with blood circulation

Cold can affect your circulation. Your fingers and feet can become cold and numb, which can reduce your grip and motor skills. This can directly affect safety while working.

Stiffer muscles and joints

The cold makes your muscles and joints less flexible. This increases the risk of strains, sprains and other injuries.

How do you reduce the risks?

Dress in layers: This allows you to easily adjust yourself to the temperature. Wool is an excellent choice because it is moisture-wicking and keeps you warm.

Protect your hands and feet: Wear waterproof gloves and bring extra thick socks. Make sure your shoes are well insulated. Cover your head and neck: Much of your body heat escapes through your head. A warm hat and scarf are essential to stay warm.

With the right preparation, we'll get through the winter together warm and safe!

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GPI-Avatar

Did you make the GPI after November 2024? Then you must have noticed: the introduction of the GPI avatar! This avatar encourages you while making the GPI. Safety is of course a serious matter, but learning can also be fun!

You can choose whether you want to activate the avatar. Once you do, you can also decide what your avatar looks like. So far, 24,403 people have already created their own avatar!

Are you curious, too? Log in, go to 'My data' and create your avatar 

GPI-Avatar

Klik op de knop hieronder om je GPI-avatar aan te passen

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Conscious Safety Day 2025

The year has only just begun, but of course there are now many things planned again regarding safety on the construction site. The kickoff is on March 26, during the Conscious Safety Day.

This year's motto is 'Together for safe work'. This fits well with the vision of the GPI. By working together and discussing risks, we create a safer construction site for everyone.

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