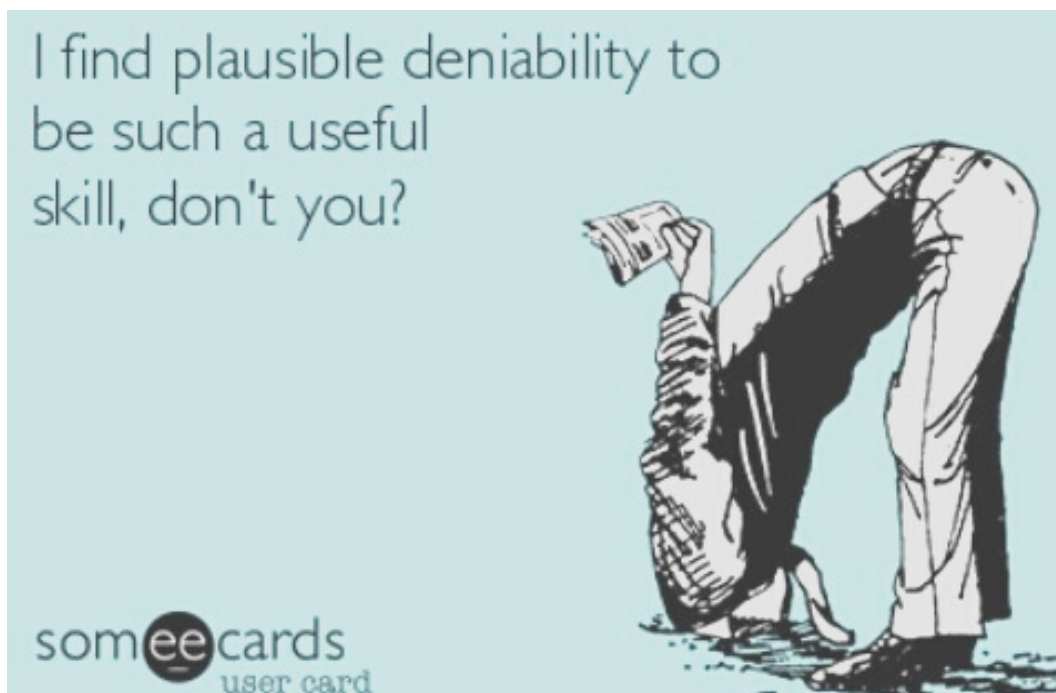


# THE IMPACT PLAUSIBLE DENIABILITY

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At J-CAT Safety Products, one of the most common phrases we hear is “I don’t think that’s mandatory” or “those straps are usually only exposed for a day.”

Is it a lack of education or plausible deniability? Or the fact that Cal/OSHA has been less present since the beginning of the pandemic? Whatever the reason, these viewpoints can result in a costly event.

## Cal/OSHA Title 8, section 1712

[www.dir.ca.gov/title8/1712.html](http://www.dir.ca.gov/title8/1712.html) states that the work site is to have protective covers over exposed, reinforcing steel or other similar projections. Without those covers, you and your company are vulnerable to a lawsuit, and significant costs. Not to mention the possible injury to your employees, Your legal exposure can go beyond your own staff. Any person on the site taking a walk or exploring the construction area may injure themselves from an exposed piece of metal. Kids skateboarding on a slab with uncovered STHD's could suffer a serious laceration or worse. For many of you reading this, it may be only a matter of time.

California Code of Regulations Title 8, section 334, focuses on willful violation. If you are found to be in violation by Cal/OSHA, the costs begin at \$18,000. This does not include the legal fees and insurance premiums, lost work days while your projects are halted, or the many other circumstantial costs that occur while undergoing such an event.

So, what's the answer? Follow the mandate from Cal/OSHA, and protect your employees, your subcontractors, and the community. And protect your business.

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