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## **Stone Building Company Leads Construction Industry in Health and Safety, Says ABC Report**

**BIRMINGHAM, AL**, March 19, 2025—Stone Building Company announced today it has achieved Diamond in [Associated Builders and Contractors' STEP® Health and Safety Management System](#). STEP enables top-performing ABC members like Stone to achieve incident rates 658% safer than the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics construction industry average, reducing total recordable incident rates by 85%.

The real-world impacts of STEP are based on the findings in ABC's [2025 Health and Safety Performance Report](#), an annual guide to construction jobsite health and safety best practices. Established in 1989, STEP provides contractors and suppliers with a robust, no-cost framework for measuring health and safety data and benchmarking with peers in the industry.

"STEP will help any contractor or supplier reinforce their commitment to the well-being of their workforce," said Greg Sizemore, ABC vice president of health, safety, environment and workforce development. "If we choose to lead, if we choose to commit and if we choose to transform, together we can ensure every construction worker goes home safer, happier, healthier and more fulfilled every single day.

"Transforming the status quo to set the expectation that all incidents are preventable creates a culture where health and safety are elevated to core values, a moral obligation for employers and employees," said Sizemore. "Priorities change frequently, but values remain consistent. The tools in STEP, as detailed in ABC's annual safety report, show the blueprint of how industry leaders and workers like those at Stone create a culture of health and safety and win and deliver work to communities without incident."

STEP participants measure their safety processes and policies on key components and the criteria for best practices through a detailed questionnaire, with the goal of implementing or enhancing safety programs that reduce jobsite incident rates.

Any company can participate in STEP. Visit [abc.org/step](https://abc.org/step) to begin or continue your safety journey.

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