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SpiderRail™ Provides Fall Protection in Columbia University Teachers College Demolition



Seattle – Spider, a division of SafeWorks, LLC, recently provided SpiderRail™ temporary guardrails for fall protection during demolition work in a portion of Columbia University Teachers College in New York, New York.

In preparation for a new ventilation system, the customer, Shawmut Design and Construction, planned on removing old masonry air shafts throughout the building. This process would leave gaping 8-square-foot holes in the floors. In order to protect their workers from potential falls, Shawmut turned to Spider.

Spider's New York team demonstrated its SpiderRail™ system on-site, creating a 12-square-foot area out of the non-penetrating, temporary guardrails to surround the openings in the floors. The system prevented workers outside the area from falls and enabled the workers inside to tie off to existing beams with Spider's vertical beam clamps and retractable lanyards.

“Upon seeing the SpiderRail™ demonstration, we were immediately convinced this was the best way to keep our workers and everyone else on-site safe,” commented Omar Jackson, Area Safety Manager with Shawmut. “We ordered enough SpiderRail™ to have five 12-square-foot units on-site – enough to cover the open shafts on each floor of the facility.”

“SpiderRail™ has been quick to assemble and easy to use, improving our safety and productivity during this demolition project,” added Shaun Carvalho, Shawmut's Corporate Safety Director. “Plus, Spider's national presence provides great support to our projects throughout North America. Basically, wherever Shawmut has a location, Spider does as well, making our interactions seamless.”



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About Spider:

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