

# The Rise of Large Verdicts in Construction Accidents

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# THE SO-CALLED “NUCLEAR VERDICT”



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- ▷ “Unexpectedly high damage awards that appear to exceed rational parameters in civil cases”
- ▷ “The Runaway Jury”
- ▷ Any verdict that may have devastating consequences for a company

# THEY'RE NOT JUST HAPPENING IN SO-CALLED "JUDICIAL HELLHOLES"

- ▷ 2020 \$730 Million in rural Texas
- ▷ 2022 \$97.4 Million in Iowa
- ▷ 2022 \$111 Million in Minnesota
- ▷ 2023 \$40 Million in downstate Illinois
- ▷ 2023 \$19 Million in rural Wisconsin



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# HOW ARE NUCLEAR VERDICTS® IMPACTING THE INDUSTRY AND SOCIETY AT LARGE?



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# WHAT ARE THE CAUSES OF NUCLEAR VERDICTS®?



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# WHAT SOLUTIONS EXIST TO MITIGATE THE RISK OF A NUCLEAR VERDICT<sup>®</sup>?



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