

Top Ten Demolition Misconceptions

Demolition industry practices touch the lives of businesses and ordinary people everyday. It is none the less surprising how little is known about the significant role demolition contractors play in this country's economic prosperity and redevelopment.

Below are 10 common misconceptions about the demolition industry compiled by the (NDA) National Demolition Association. Want to read more information about them, visit the association's website at www.demolitionassociation.com.

Misconception	Fact
#1: Demolition contractors primarily implode, or “blow up” buildings.	Implosions account for less than 1 percent of all demolition work.
#2: Demolition contractors destroy many structures that should be saved.	Demolition contractors are instrumental in achieving the goals of preservationists.
#3: Demolition contractors don't participate in the nation's recycling effort.	The demolition industry was salvaging building elements and materials for reuse long before it was the “ecological thing to do”.
#4: Demolition contractors unnecessarily overcrowd landfills with debris.	The industry is reducing its use of landfills in favor of recycling.
#5: Demolition is an unsophisticated business.	A safe and successful demolition project requires a working knowledge of both construction and the law.
#6: The methods of demolition never change.	Demolition practices today are not only quicker, but safer and more cost-effective.
#7: One demolition contractor is basically the same as the next.	Don't tell that to the owner who has had the misfortune of dealing with an inexperienced contractor.
#8: Demolition is a dangerous business.	In the hands of professionals, the danger is controlled.
#9: Demolition is expensive.	Commercial demolition work generally costs less than 2 percent of the replacement cost of the building.
#10: Once a demolition project is completed, the owner's worries are over.	A project owner cannot “contract away” his responsibility or liability.