



## Maria Pineda Da Silva Construction Safety Manager and Instructor



*I train construction workers to work in a safe manner  
at construction sites.*

### ***How long have you been a construction safety manager and instructor?***

I have been doing this for more than 10 years.

### ***Where do you currently work?***

Connoisseur Institute and PFHA Contracting

### ***How do you spend most of your time at work?***

I spend a lot of time preparing material for training.

### ***Why did you choose this career?***

I chose this career after trying many other jobs. I enjoy learning about construction and teaching what I learn.

### ***What did you do to prepare for this career?***

I had to become an OSHA certified Instructor and take other trainings. I also own a construction company.

### ***What do you enjoy most about your job?***

I enjoy interacting with students. I learn about their needs and find ways to help them.

### ***What do you find most challenging about your job?***

It's challenging to get students to actually practice what they have learned at the job site.

### ***What was one of your first jobs and how did that experience influence your career path?***

One of my first jobs as a teenager was acting and this has helped me with my teaching skills.

### ***What is one piece of advice you would give to a young person who is interested in your profession?***

If you are interested in this career, you can start by attending the workshops by Connoisseur Institute where you will learn a lot about being a Safety Manager.



*Maria with an OSHA student group*

