

- 1. Inspect your ties.** Tie failure problems can be prevented! Check your ties for heavy rust, breaks, or bends. **DO NOT USE** ties that are damaged. This increases your risk for blowouts and safety issues on the job.
- 2. Follow tie placement charts.** Form ties are designed to perform during a pour according to proper load and placement measurements. Changing these specifications (i.e. using four ties instead of five) changes the way the tie behaves and could be dangerous. Always check your tie placement charts to ensure you have the right number of ties in the right place.
- 3. Properly secure your ties.** Check to make sure tie connections are fully engaged. A simple overlook on a wedge not fully inserted or a PinLock™ latch not engaged increases your risk for tie failure.
- 4. Do not reuse ties.** Form ties are meant to be disposable and maintain their strength on the first pour only. Do not salvage used ties from one job to pour on another.
- 5. Respect your ties.** Although individual cost of a tie is low, they are an essential part of your equipment and should be treated as such. Do not walk on ties, discharge concrete directly on to ties, secure ties with non-approved hardware, or attach anything else to ties, such as scaffolds or fall protection.

Western Forms offers additional services to help you get the most out of your investment, whether it's on-the-job performance or on-the-market resale value. Contact your local representative to learn more about Technical Support, Release Agents, Form Repair Services, and Buying & Selling Used Forms.





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**PROTECT YOUR
INVESTMENT!**

**Prevent tie failure and protect your job site;
DO NOT USE:**

TIE FAILURE PREVENTION

- Ties that are broken or bent
- Ties that are heavily rusted
- Ties that have been bent and straightened
- Ties that have been hit by a hammer
- Ties (or bundles of ties) that have been dropped
- Ties that are the incorrect length for the specified wall thickness
- Ties with connections not fully engaged
- Ties that are visibly damaged