

# DEMOLITION

## Common Misconceptions

### FALSE

Demolition is just "blowing up" buildings.



Demolition contractors destroy historic buildings that should be saved.



Demolition is bad for the environment.



Demolition overcrowds landfills with debris.



Demolition is an unsophisticated business.

The methods of demolition never change.



Demolition is dangerous business.



Demolition is expensive.



Once a demolition project is completed, the owner's worries are over.

### TRUE

Implosions account for less than 1% of all demolition work.



Demolition contractors help preservationists save & restore historical buildings by removing harmful substances & making way for energy efficiency upgrades.

Demolition companies are leading the way in environmental stewardship. The industry removes toxins from old buildings, cleans hazardous Brownfields, & Superfunds.



The demolition industry was salvaging building materials long before green was popular. 2/3 of US steel production comes from salvaged steel.

Demolition professionals are highly trained experts. A safe & successful demolition project requires specialized equipment, techniques, & work practices.

Demolition practices continually evolve with new equipment & methods to make demolition projects quicker, safer & more cost-effective.



In the hands of professionals, the danger is controlled.

Commercial demolition generally costs less than 2% of the replacement cost of the building.

A project owner cannot "contract away" his responsibility or liability.