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Narrowing the construction gap
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People tend to think that Construction work demands brute strength, but this is not the case at all and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and union rules along with new building technology has made the requirement for strength inapplicable to most trades. Then there is the notion of stereotyping. In construction, harassment, discrimination and intimidation are still deterrents to women entering the business. These deterrents applied to female fire fighters in the '70s and '80s and to police in the '50s and '60s. The notion of women not belonging has been debunked with the success of women in those fields. So what is the problem with construction work? Why aren't young women flocking to trade schools and apprenticeship programs to get an entrée into this world of good paying jobs? Why are they still settling for the pink collar world?

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