



SAFETY TAILGATE MEETING

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HAND AND POWER TOOLS

INTRODUCTION

It can be easy to overlook the dangers of tools we use every day. They can cause lacerations, crushing injuries, and even amputations. While experience can make a tool easier to use, there is DANGER when we take the tool for granted.

Group Discussion:

- Have you ever experienced or seen a an injury with a hand or power tool?
- What happened?
- Why did it happen?
- What can we learn from it?

In this meeting, we will discuss:

(1) INSPECTING TOOLS

(2) USING TOOLS

(3) SPECIFIC TOOLS WE USE

INSPECTING TOOLS

Tools must be inspected before each use, including:

- Ensure tools are clean and in good repair.
- Check that guards and safety devices are in place.
- Check for cracks and other damage to the tool.
- If powered, check the cord insulation and prongs on the plug end.
- Ensure portable power tools such as drills and saws are grounded or double insulated.
- Check that any blades are sharp. Dull blades should be replaced.

Remove damaged or unsafe tools from service and notify your supervisor.

USING TOOLS

Eye Protection: Whether using a hand or a power tool, approved eye protection must be worn.

For example : While a nail gun may be more dangerous than using a hammer, hundreds of workers have suffered severe eye damage from nails that ricochet while using a hemmer.

Hearing Protection is required when exceeding 85 decibals.

Gloves can be worn. However, not if there is potential of entanglement with a blade, pinch point, or in any other way.

Follow the Manufacturers Instructions: Some of us cringe at reading instructions. However, never use a tool or piece of equipment without understanding the manufacturer's instructions.

For example: Does the saw you use require one or two hands to hold it? What does the manufacturer say?

Important:

(1) Never use a tool unless you are trained.

(2) Never disable a guard or safety device.

(3) Only use a tool for its intended purpose.

SPECIFIC TOOLS WE USE

Group Discussion:

- What hand and power tools are we currently using?
- What hazards and potential injuries exist with them?
- What are specific safe practices for using our hand and power tools?

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