

SAFETY TAILGATE MEETING

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STRUCK-BY HAZARDS

INTRODUCTION

Workers are injured everyday being "struck-by" items around them. Whether it is something falling from overhead, a moving piece of equipment or a flying nail, these types of incidents can cause serious injury and death.



Group Discussion:

- Have you every been struck-by something?
- What happened?

In our meeting, we will discuss:

(1) HOW THEY HAPPEN

- (2) HOW TO PREVENT THEM
- (3) FATALITIES TO LEARN FROM

HOW THEY HAPPEN

Flying objects: This includes from grinding, nailing, cutting or any other task that propels objects through the air and that can strike someone.

Falling objects: This includes suspended loads, overhead workers and equipment, and anything else that can fall from a higher level and strike a worker.

Swinging objects: When materials are mechanically lifted, they have the potential to swing and strike workers.

Rolling objects: When an object, such as heavy machinery is rolling, moving, or sliding, it can strike another person.

Group Discussion: What hazards do we encounter?

HOW TO PREVENT THEM

- Wear the proper Personal Protective Equipment including, hard hats, and ANSI Z-87 approved safety glasses. If incorrect eye protection is worn flying objects may go right through your glasses.
- When working with hand tools: Do not use tools with loose, cracked or splintered handles.
- When performing overhead work: Secure all tools and materials. Use toe-boards, screens, guardrails and debris nets. Barricade the area and post signs. Ensure materials stored in buildings under construction are placed farther than 6 feet of hoist way and floor openings, and more than 10 feet from an exterior wall.
- When working with powder-actuated tools: Only trained and licensed operators may use them. Use the correct fasteners for the task.
- When working with power tools, such as saws, drills, grinders: Only use them if you are trained. Inspect tools before each use. Wear eye protection. Operate according to manufacturer's instructions. Ensure that all required guards are in place.

What other precautions can you think of?

FATALITIES TO LEARN FROM

Fatality 1: While lifting a load with a crane, a beam broke through wire rope, fell 45' and crushed a worker below.

Group Discussion: What can we learn from this?

Fatality 2: An employee was working off a step ladder using a nail gun without a safety spring. With his finger on the trigger, he unintentionally put the nail gun down by his side. The nail gun compressed against another worker's head, shooting a nail and killing him.

Group Discussion: What can we learn from this?



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