

# 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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