

TOOLBOX TALKS

TOP FOUR CONSTRUCTION HAZARDS

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FALLS

- Wear and use personal fall-arrest equipment when working in elevated locations
- Install and maintain perimeter protection
- Use ladders and scaffolds safely

CRUSHING ACCIDENTS

- Never position yourself between a moving object and a fixed one
- Always wear high-visibility clothes near equipment and vehicles

TRENCH FAILURES

- Never enter an unprotected trench or excavation five feet deep or deeper without an adequate protective system in place. Some trenches under five feet deep may also need such a system
- Make sure the trench or excavation is protected either by sloping, shoring, benching or trench shield systems
- Never work under a suspended load, particularly while working down in the trench

ELECTROCUTIONS

- Locate and identify utilities before starting work
- Look for overhead power lines when operating any equipment
- Maintain a safe distance from power lines; learn the safe distance requirements
- Do not operate portable electric tools unless they are grounded or double insulated
- Use ground-fault circuit interrupters (GFCI) for protection
- Be alert to electrical hazards when working with ladders, scaffolds or other platforms

Discussion Date:

Employee Participants:

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