

TOOLBOX TALK, January 19th, 2026

Training

There are no union trainings available this month.

Check your records at fsstools.com under the *Training Records* tab to see what you need.

When they're available, sign up for classes, at the union training site or check schedules at fsstools.com.

Safety Slogan

Last Tuesday, the Safety Committee picked our new safety slogan for 2026: **"Skilled Hands, Safe Plans,"** submitted by Conner Bay. Conner will receive a \$100 gift card, and we'll be seeing the new slogan on shirts and banners soon.

2026 Corrective Action Plan

The Safety Committee has put together our Corrective Action Plan (CAP) for 2026. We've learned that simply listing common hazards on Pre-Task Plans isn't always enough. This year, we're asking everyone to take a more active approach—look around, recognize hazards as they appear, and address them right away.

Knowing the common hazards is still important, but staying safe really comes down to paying attention to what's happening around us and fixing risks when we see them.

Our other focus areas for the year include Fall Protection training, Hand Safety, Housekeeping, and making sure everyone wears the required PPE.

As we move through the year, we'll continue talking about these topics and sharing what we expect and how we can all do better.

Housekeeping

- Housekeeping is one of our focus areas this year. Last year, two workers were injured after stepping on sharp objects that went through their boots. These injuries could have been prevented and show why staying on top of housekeeping every day is so important. Here are a few ideas.
- **Clear Pathways:** Keep floors, hallways, and stairs free of tools, materials, and debris to prevent tripping and puncture hazards.
- **Manage Waste:** Use designated bins and chutes for cut offs and trash; don't let it hit the floor.
- **Control Dust:** Use HEPA vacuums and clean sweep to capture dust while cleaning.
- **Address Spills Promptly:** Clean wet spills immediately with absorbents to prevent slips and ensure drying.
- **Organize Tools:** Store tools in designated spots (gang boxes and cages) when not in use.
- **Phase Cleaning:** Implement rough (debris removal), light (sweeping), and final (detail) cleaning stages.
- **Secure Hazards:** Address protruding nails, rolling stock, wires, and other obstacles that create hazards.
- **Mark Hazards:** Clearly mark areas with wet floors, stub ups or live electrical wires.

Clean work areas help prevent slips, trips, falls, and puncture injuries. Cleaning up as we go is much easier—and works better—than letting debris pile up. Making good housekeeping a habit helps keep everyone safe.

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