

TOOLBOX TALK, February 17th, 2025

### **Training:**

To sign up for trainings go to [www.swmsctf.org](http://www.swmsctf.org) or check at [www.fsstools.com](http://www.fsstools.com) under training schedules. The next class for carpenters is Construction Fall Protection on Feb 22nd. Contact the Carpenter's Union Training Center to schedule classes. Tapers have some classes coming up in March so check them out if you need an update.

### **PTP Competition**

At the end of March, we'll be selecting another winner for our PTP competition. Show us your best PTP and we'll enter you. We're getting better, but we can always improve and now's the time to show it.

### **Pre-Task Plans:**

We talk a lot about Pre-Task Planning, but with good reason. Pre-Task Planning is proven make our work safer, especially when we carefully think about and plan for the tasks ahead.

The main components of Pre-Task Plans are:

- Identifying the task
- Recognizing the hazards associated with the task
- Specifying and planning mitigation to protect ourselves while doing the task.

Good pre-task planning includes surveying the work area and looking at the components of the task to recognize hazards. For instance, if the task is using a roto hammer overhead, specific PPE is required and should be listed on the PTP. If you've never done the task before, ask your foreman for details on mitigation. Work techniques for this task should also be identified as part of the mitigation plan.

Surveying work areas is as simple as walking the area to assess potential hazards and mitigating them before we start. Cleaning up the work area, coordinating with our foremen and other trades help keep us safe. If we look ahead carefully and act, we can avoid a lot of grief and potential incidents.

We expect everyone to plan their work, so if you're signing on to a Pre-Task Plan that someone else has written, it's your job to make sense of what it says. Ask questions if the plan is not clear. It's not alright to sign a PTP without knowing what it says and understanding the task, hazards, and mitigations. Once the plan is understood and signed, follow the steps and procedures the plan has specified.

Specific planning leads to better results and safer jobs.

### **Innovation rewards:**

We know you're always thinking of more effective and safer ways to do things and want to reward you for your great innovations. When a stroke of genius hits, take advantage of it by submitting your idea.

To encourage great ideas, we're offering twenty-five-dollar gift cards for ideas we use. And if you win a twenty-five-dollar prize, your name goes into a drawing for the yearly prize of two hundred and fifty dollars.

We know you're always thinking, so tell us what on your mind so we can give you credit for your amazing ideas.

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