

# TOOLBOX TALK for Safety Week, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

## Summer Picnic

August 24<sup>th</sup> is the day of the Fred Shearer Summer Picnic at Oaks Park, from 11am to 5pm. Be ready to tell us if you're coming and how many we should expect. Oaks Park has ride bracelets for folks **taller than 48"** and folks **shorter than 48"** so, you'll have to specify how many of each you'll need. It's important to be clear because if you measure 48" or taller, and are wearing an under 48" bracelet, you'll be turned away from the ride. So, when you're asked how many will be coming to the picnic and how many 48" or taller or 48" or shorter bracelets you'll need, be ready to let us know.

## Emergency Evacuation:

A transformer catches fire sending smoke and fumes across the jobsite and triggering an evacuation. Do you know what to do to be safe?

Since we change from one site to another so frequently, it's important to be aware of *site-specific* emergency procedures. When arriving at a new jobsite your foreman or site supervisor will give a site-specific orientation including emergency procedures. The site-specific Emergency Evacuation Plan is important and will include the following important information.

- How to report fires and other emergencies
- Locations of fire extinguishers
- Evacuation procedures, emergency escape routes, and muster points
- Procedures to account for all employees on site
- Names of people to contact for information or further instructions

Knowing what to do in an emergency is an important part of being safe.

## Seeing Hazards

Being able to see potential hazards on the job is a key component of working safely. We must be able to see potential hazards and imagine their consequences if we're going to avoid getting hurt by them.

When everything seems to be safe it might be difficult to see a hazard. We may have gotten used to imagining that conditions are safe because we've never had a problem in the past.

Complacency can blind us to hazards and prevent us from accurately addressing unsafe conditions. Our ability to pinpoint hazards requires us to see past what looks normal and discover what's not safe.

Try starting each day with "new eyes". Looking with "new eyes" is good practice and helps spot hazards. Try re-asking questions about your jobsite or task specific hazards when reviewing your surroundings. Before you fill out your Pre-Task Plan challenge yourself to "see" the hazards hiding in plain sight, and to eliminate them.

