TOOLBOX TALK for the week of January 29th, 2024

Recognizing Hazards:

One purpose of Pre-Task Planning is recognizing potential hazards. Knowing what we're up against is where we start when we're planning our work. Here are a few reminders of hazards to look for.

- What could cause a slip, trip, or fall?
    - Water or Ice on the floor.
    - Cords or hoses across pathways.
    - Open holes.
    - Loose material or rolling stock.
    - Unguarded or poorly marked edges.
    - Debris or trash.
    - Tools left on the floor.

- What could we get caught on or cut by?
    - Sharp edges on stacked material.
    - Knock outs in metal studs.
    - Cut off pieces of studs.
    - Hanging wires that could poke or catch an eye or ear.
    - Expanded metal.
    - Discarded blades.
    - Trash piles and debris in dumpsters.

- What electrical hazards could get us?
    - Electrical cords with breaks in their sheathing
    - Cords running over sharp edges.
    - Conduits or stub ups that may not be flagged.
    - Poorly lit work areas.

What we're asking for is consistent or increased awareness of hazards around our job sites and being proactive in eliminating or mitigating them.

What other hazards can we think of?
What steps do we take when we recognize a hazard?
Innovation Rewards:

In the new year we'll continue to look for and reward innovations by offering twenty-five-dollar gift cards for your good ideas. Winning the small prize gets you in the year-end drawing for two hundred and fifty dollars. So, keep looking for better ways to get the job done faster and safer, then tell us what you've come up with, and we'll give you credit for your amazing idea.

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