

TOOLBOX TALK for August 3rd, 2026

Carpenter's Training -

Portland - 8/1 - First Aid. 8/8 - Forklift RT. 8/15 - Forklift. 8/29 - MEWP/Aerial Lift.

Tangent - 8/7 - OSHA 30

Ontario - 8/8 - Fall Protection. 8/15 - Scaffold Erector. 8/22 - Ergonomics and Silica Awareness

Taper's - Nothing in August

"It'll only take a second":

This phrase may rank up with other famous last words like, "what's the worst thing that could happen?" or "I wonder what happens when I push this button?"

We often take too lightly the possible consequences of our actions, which is sometimes how we get in trouble. Properly evaluating our work and taking appropriate actions, is how we stay safe.

For example, when we're getting ready to use a lift, we ask ourselves, if this is the right way to approach this job. In the past we had a worker on a lift who found himself unable to reach the work. When he found himself coming up short because of obstructions, he made an "It'll only take a second" decision and climbed up on the handrails to reach the work. He put himself in danger just to reach some work he could have gotten to in a safer way. It wasn't his finest moment.

Though "It'll only take a second" may work out sometimes, it's not worth the risk. We never want to take dangerous shortcuts because, it's also "It'll only take a second" that may lead to something going horribly wrong. The moment we breach a safety protocol; is the moment we're exposed to a hazard that could harm or even kill us.

It's been said that "every safety rule is written in blood" which means that the rule didn't just come out of thin air, it came into being because someone got hurt.

As you know, we're consistently asking you to be safe, and since we can't always be there with you, it really comes down to you thinking through the task you're about to do, considering how you intend to do it within known safety requirements, and making and following a plan that keeps you safe.

You don't want you to get hurt. And we certainly, don't want to tell your family or loved ones that your last words were "It'll only take a second."

So, we're asking you again, to take the time to properly evaluate your work and do it safely.

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