TOOLBOX TALK for October 19th, 2026

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Eye Protection – Awareness Is Key

We've got a problem that needs attention. So far this year, we've had **five eye injuries, two of which were recordable.** That's five too many, and we need to do a better job of preventing them.

One of the best ways to protect our eyes is through **hazard awareness.** That means paying attention to our surroundings, recognizing where dust and debris might come from, and taking steps to protect ourselves before something happens.

While working, pay attention to conditions around and ask yourself:

- Is there dust or debris overhead that could fall in my eyes?
- Is it windy enough to blow dust or debris in my direction?
- Could material sitting on a scaffold or baker fall into my eyes?
- Is overhead work disturbing insulation or other materials?
- Are nearby workers creating dust or debris that could reach me?
- Is there metal debris on the stud I'm passing up to my partner?

These are everyday situations we run into on our jobsites. It's easy to say eye injuries just happen, but many can be prevented when we recognize the hazards and take action.

The bottom line: Be aware and change your behavior as needed. Always wear your required safety glasses, and when conditions call for additional protection, use gasketed safety glasses, goggles, and/or a face shield as required for the task.

Remain aware of your circumstances as you work and as you see a hazard, act to protect yourself.

Recognize a hazard, immediately take the right action, keep your eyes safe.

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