

TOOLBOX TALK, October 6th, 2025

Upcoming Training Opportunities

- **Portland – Carpenter’s Union**
 - **Oct 11:** Forklift & Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED
 - **Oct 18:** Scaffold Erector & Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED
- **Tangent – Carpenter’s Union**
 - **Oct 11:** Construction Fall Protection
- **Portland - Taper’s Union**
 - **Oct 8:** Aerial Lift Training
 - **Oct 21:** Fall Protection

You can check your training records at fsstools.com under the *Training Records* tab to see what you need. To sign up, visit swmsctf.org or check schedules at fsstools.com.

Before the Job Starts

Jumping into work without really knowing what’s expected can cause problems. Missing details can slow things down, make the job unsafe, or even mean we have to redo it later. To avoid this, everyone needs to be on the same page before the work starts. Good communication between the foreman and crew makes all the difference.

Staying on Track

- Make sure it’s clear **what we’re doing, how we’re doing it, and when it needs to be done.**
- Foremen should line out the crew for the day or week.
- Crew members need to speak up and confirm they understand the job.
- Look ahead for anything that could cause problems.
- Don’t start until everyone—crew and foreman—is clear on the plan.
- Keep checking in with each other as the work goes on.
- If you’re not sure about your assignment, especially if you're an apprentice, **ask before starting.**
- If something comes up, stop and check with your foreman before moving forward.
- If conditions change, pause until the plan is updated.
- When you finish a task, let your foreman know.

Things to Think About

- If you get asked to do something you don’t fully understand, what should you do?
- What can we do to make our communication better, so the job is safer and smoother?

Assured Grounding

On October 1st. we should have checked all our electrical systems, batteries and cords to confirm they're safe and to change our assured grounding color to ORANGE. Be sure this is done. On [www.fsstools.com/assured grounding](https://www.fsstools.com/assured-grounding), you can get information and submit your assured grounding report as soon as you've updated your jobsite.

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