

TOOLBOX TALK, March 10th, 2025

Training:

To sign up for trainings go to www.swmsctf.org or check at www.fsstools.com under training schedules. For the Carpenters, there's MEWP and First Aid/CPR on March 15th. Tapers have Fall Protection and First Aid/CPR coming up on March 24th. You can see your training records at fsstools.com under the training records tab, so sign up for classes if you need to refresh your training.

PTP Competition

Remember at the end of March, we'll be selecting another winner for our PTP competition. We've seen some very good PTPs, so the competition is tight. Show us your best and you might take home a gift card for \$50.

Fire Extinguishers:

While walking a jobsite where layout was being done, a worker using a weed burner to dry the floor was asked where the nearest fire extinguisher was. A blank expression came over his face as he acknowledged he hadn't even thought of it.

Part of our Pre-Task Planning is identifying our task and specifying the hazards plus outlining what we'll do to mitigate them. Using an open flame should cause us to think of the need for fire mitigation, but if we don't think the task through to all possible outcomes, we won't be prepared for what could happen.

Using a weed burner is only one way a fire could start, grinders, screamers, and chop saws are also sources of sparks and potential fire. Welding by us or by some other trade could start a fire too, so we need to consider what we'll do if, for any reason, a fire starts.

Knowing the location of the nearest fire extinguisher is a start, but do we know how to use it? Most of us have never used a fire extinguisher so here are a few tips:

- Only use a fire extinguisher if the fire is small and can be put out with an extinguisher. If a fire is already out of control, get out and call 911.
- If the fire looks like it can be put out, find the nearest fire extinguisher and follow the PASS method.
 - P - Pull the pin
 - A - Aim at the base of the fire
 - S - Squeeze the handle
 - S - Sweep from side to side
- Once the fire is out, stay close long enough to assure it won't restart.
- Report the fire to your foreman and the GC

Planning for the worse can help us be better prepared if something does happen, but if we don't think it through ahead of time, we're at a serious disadvantage.

Innovation rewards:

While we work, we're always thinking of more effective and safer ways to do things. FSS wants to reward you for your great ideas and innovations. When a stroke of genius hits, take advantage of it by submitting your innovation.

To encourage great innovations, we're offering twenty-five-dollar gift cards for those that we use. And if you win a twenty-five-dollar prize, your name goes into a drawing for the yearly prize of two hundred and fifty dollars.

Submit your toolbox talk report by clicking on this link:

<https://www.fsstools.com/blank-10>

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