

TOOLBOX TALK for the week of March 25th, 2024.

Training

Sign up now if you need to update your Scaffold User training. The class is coming up on April 13th starting at 7:30am. The lists below show those who need this training.

Bryan Woolverton	Dennis Woodward
Kevin Williams	Andrew Strobel
Jose Ruiz Simon	Joshua Rockey
John Walsh	AJ Peroutka
Enrique Olivares	Omar Munoz
Tom Kirk	Jose Hidalgo Cardenas
Mark Hasagawa	Ramon Diaz
Pablo Davalos	Tom Clark
Calixto Casares	Jose Acuna Rangel
Jose Abundiz	

Recent Incidents:

- Beaverton Shelter/Cut
 - Root cause: Using the wrong tool for the task.
 - When cutting a radius, use tin snips, angle grinder, or screamer saw. Material that cannot be held firmly against the tool fence must not be cut on a chop saw or table saw.
- Unitus/Strain
 - Root cause: A baker scaffold was not dismantled properly prior to removing a defective wheel. Contributing factors: The worker twisted his body with a load. The worker stopped to help but was not stretched out or loose. PTP identified proper lifting, but not the specific task.
 - An update of the JHA for bakers will better explain assembly and inspections. Reference manufacturer's recommendations.

Safe Tool Use:

The tools we use are designed to make our work faster and more efficient. But, like so many repetitive things we do, we become blind to the hazards of using such powerful tools. Below are a few things to remember.

- Powered hand tools.
 - Read the user manual/get trained before using the tool.
 - Use the tool according to manufacturer's instructions.
 - Make sure all manufacturer provided guards are in place.
 - Never cut or work with material the tool is not designed for.
 - Make sure batteries are not damaged.
- Chop saws/Table saws.
 - Read the user manual.
 - Use the tool according to manufacturer's instructions.
 - Make sure all manufacturer provided guards are in place.
 - Never cut material that can't be held firmly against the fence. (Material with a radius, uneven material that won't set flat against the fence)

When should we read the manual?

What do we do if a tool is broken?

Innovation Reward:

Today we handed out a twenty-five-dollar gift cards to Bryan Woolverton for his innovative tool designed to remove wheels from baker's scaffolds, easily and safely. His quick response to a need, is the type of innovation

