

TOOLBOX TALK for August 10th, 2026

**Carpenter's Training -**

Portland - 8/15 - Forklift. 8/29 - MEWP/Aerial Lift.

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

**Taper's - Nothing in August**

**We Report Everything:**

If we have a near miss, we report it. If we cut our finger, we report it. If we get something in our eye, we report it. Whatever it is, we report it.

It may seem like we're being too cautious and maybe going a little over the top, but there's method to our madness. No matter how small the incident we want to know about it for two key reasons.

First, we want to make sure you're being taken care of. I know it's tempting when you get a tiny cut on your finger to just wipe it on your pants and keep going, but that is not the right course. Infections can happen even in the smallest wound and if left untreated small wounds can become a big deal. Imagine how painful it would be if your finger got infected and began to swell up. Then we'd have to take you to urgent care. Once there, you would almost certainly be prescribed an anti-biotic and that would turn a small cut into a recordable incident.

We don't have to accept bad outcomes, when it's so easy to just go to the first aid kit, get an alcohol wipe, clean the wound, put on some antibiotic gel and slap on a band aid. And while you're doing this, tell your foreman what happened. Simple!

Second, if we don't know something has happened, we can't get better at protecting everyone. Let's say you cut yourself when you were wearing company provided gloves. If you were able to get cut through the gloves, maybe the type of glove we're using needs review. If you cut yourself and you weren't wearing gloves, then maybe we have a training problem and we should go back to the basics. We want to keep everyone safe, and we want to continue to improve our responses as we go.

If we don't have clear information, we're operating in the dark. And though being in the dark is nice when we're sleeping, it's no way to run a safety program.

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