

TOOLBOX TALK, January 20th, 2025

**Training:**

On January 25th the Carpenter's Union is offering Construction Fall Protection and First Aid/CPR/AED training. To sign up go to [www.swmsctf.org](http://www.swmsctf.org) or check at [www.fsstools.com](http://www.fsstools.com) under training schedules.

**Safe Laser Use:**

Since we're starting a lot of new work which requires the use of lasers for layout and framing, now is a good time to go over some laser safety tips.

The intensity of a laser beam is determined by the laser's power, which is measured in milliwatts (mW) and classified by power. Most laser levels are one of three classes. Class 1, Class 2, Class 3A. We use all three, Dot lasers, Line lasers, Rotating Lasers which vary in power levels.

Laser levels must have labels to indicate their class and may read something like this:

**"CAUTION LASER RADIATION EMITTED DO NOT STARE INTO BEAM. CLASS 3A LASER PRODUCT."**

When using a laser, you should remember a few things.

- Try to set your laser above or below eye level.
- Never stare into a laser.
  - Don't try to repair or disassemble a laser level.
  - Read the instruction manual *before* you use a laser level.
  - Never point a laser level at vehicles, drivers, people, or pets.
  - Always turn the laser level off when you're not using it. Leaving it on increases the risk of someone unintentionally staring into the laser beam.
  - Don't remove or deface any labels on your laser level.
  - Don't operate a laser level near flammable liquids, gasses, or dust.
  - Don't aim the laser beam at reflective surfaces; Lasers can reflect and be harmful.

**Innovation rewards:**

Chris St. Marie was the winner of the 2024 innovation reward and took home a gift card for \$250. We didn't see many innovations turned in last year which made it easier for Chris to take the prize.

We know you're always thinking of more effective and safer ways to do things and want to reward you for your great innovations. When a stroke of genius hits, take advantage of it by submitting your idea.

To encourage great ideas, we're offering twenty-five-dollar gift cards for ideas 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.

We know you're always thinking, so tell us what on your mind so we can give you credit for your amazing ideas.

**Submit your toolbox talk report by clicking on this link:**

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