

# TOOLBOX TALK for the week of February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## Training

On Saturday February 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am, we're offering a Scaffold User class at the office. Scaffold user is a required class and must be refreshed every 4 years. On the next page there's a list of people whose certifications are expired or will be expiring soon. If you hope to work on future jobs, be sure you're up to date.

## Recognizing Hazards

If you think you're going to the same work place every day, think again. Our workplaces are anything but static, we make progress every day, other trades come and go, GCs and others make changes.

With changing jobsites, we need to be able to recognize hazards as our situations change. An effective tool to help recognize hazards is the Energy Wheel. The Energy Wheel breaks hazards into types of energy to help us better recognize common hazards around us. Below are some examples of hazards based on recognizing their energy types. (Note that many hazards fit in more than one category)

### Examples of Hazards by Type:

<b>Gravity</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Unstable or unsecure loads.</li><li>• Working at heights.</li><li>• Trip and slip hazards.</li><li>• Others working overhead.</li></ul>	<b>Motion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Spinning equipment - saws and drills.</li><li>• Carts and dump buggies.</li><li>• Cranes and lifts.</li><li>• Motor vehicles/forklifts.</li></ul>
<b>Mechanical</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hinges and door fasteners.</li><li>• Bazookas and mixers.</li><li>• Step up benches.</li><li>• Sharp material/Sharp edges</li></ul>	<b>Electrical</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Extension cords – spider boxes and cords.</li><li>• Overhead demo wiring.</li><li>• Low voltage wires.</li><li>• Power lines -external and internal.</li></ul>
<b>Pressure</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sprayers and hoses.</li><li>• Lift gates.</li><li>• Hydraulic or pneumatic tools.</li></ul>	<b>Sound</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chop saws and grinders.</li><li>• Roto hammers.</li><li>• Rattle guns.</li><li>• Powder actuated tools.</li></ul>
<b>Temperature</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hot saw blades.</li><li>• Extreme weather.</li><li>• Pumps and motors.</li><li>• Weed burners.</li><li>• Welders.</li></ul>	

**What hazards can you see from where you're standing right now?**

**How will you mitigate these and other recognized hazards?**





