

Upcoming Training Opportunities

- **Portland – Carpenter’s Union**
 - Nothing Scheduled
- **Tangent – Carpenter’s Union**
 - Nothing Scheduled
- **Portland - Taper’s Union**
 - **Oct 21:** Fall Protection - CPR/First Aid

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Safety Planning

Every project begins with a vision.

If we want to build a shed, we start by imagining what it will look like. We sketch it out, establish dimensions, create a materials list, and plan our construction sequence. Then, we gather our tools and get to work.

Without realizing it, we’re also thinking about *how* to complete the work safely — how to reach the roof, handle sharp tools, or manage rough materials. Even if we don’t write it down, safety is in the back of our minds.

Safety planning simply makes that thought process intentional. It adds conscious, deliberate steps to ensure we protect ourselves and those around us.

Over time, improved tools and protective equipment have been developed and safe procedures have been tested and refined. In the past, we might have climbed onto a roof or out on a ledge without thinking twice — but today, we understand that *planning ahead keeps us safer*.

Safety Planning Starts Early and Has Many Layers

- **Design:** Will the people who use this building be safe?
- **Engineering:** Is the structure strong enough to withstand environmental forces?
- **General Contractor:** What site-wide safety procedures must be established and followed?
- **Sub-Contractor:** How will we ensure our portion of the job is safe for everyone on site?
- **Foreman:** How can I guarantee the safety of each crew member during their work?
- **Personal:** What can I do *today* to keep myself safe?

We’re skilled, efficient, and take pride in our craft — but staying safe requires just as much skill and attention. None of us entered this trade expecting to get hurt, yet an injury could take us out of it. That’s why we plan for safety.

We get strong support from our company and unions — through ongoing training, planning tools, like the pre-task plan, and proper PPE. But in the end, safety depends on us. It’s about doing what we’ve been trained to do — every time — so that we can all go home safe at the end of the day.

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