

TOOLBOX TALK for the week of February 26th, 2024

Training

On March 23rd we'll be doing an MEWP training at the office starting at 7:30am. If you need to refresh your MEWP, now is the time to sign-up for this class. On May 1st, Western States Regional Council will be taking over all Carpenter's Union training, and after that date we may no longer be able to do trainings at the office and trainings are likely to get much longer. So, take advantage of these training opportunities between now and May 1st, to complete this year's required trainings.

Eliminating Hazards

Last week we talked about recognizing hazards which leads to the obvious next step of eliminating them. The question is how do we eliminate the hazards we see? Below are a few ideas.

- Good planning.
 - Plan your work so you better understand potential hazards. Use your Pre-Task Plan for this.
 - Update your Pre-Task Plan as you change tasks, to help recognize and mitigate new hazards.
 - When you're about to start work take note of others working nearby and plan accordingly.
- Good Communication.
 - Communicate/Coordinate with other trades so they are neither above nor below nor too close to your work.
 - Get fully briefed so you understand your assignment and any specific tools and PPE you need.
 - Communicate with your partner ahead of starting work and as you go.
 - Communicate with those working nearby so they know what you'll be doing and what impact it may have on them.
- Good Housekeeping.
 - Pick up dropped material and cut offs as you go.
 - Clean up dropped mud or spilled liquid immediately.
 - Pick up screw strips and powder shots as soon as they hit the floor.
 - Unclutter work areas to assure a safer workplace.

What other ideas do you have to help eliminate hazards?

What's your role in keeping your worksite safe?

Remember to submit your ideas for an Innovation Reward:

We're still looking for great innovations, and we're handing out twenty-five-dollar gift cards for your good ideas. This is a small prize which gets you in the running for the year-end drawing for two hundred and fifty dollars. So, don't forget to share your ideas for ways to get the job done faster and safer.

