

TOOLBOX TALK, February 3rd, 2025

Training:

To sign up go to www.swmsctf.org or check at www.fsstools.com under training schedules. Two classes are scheduled for January 28th, MEWP and Industrial Forklift. Contact the union training center to schedule your class.

Tool Handles: Last Saturday one of our workers had an injury when the grinder being used bounced back and cut their finger.

One contributing factor in this incident was hand placement on the tool relative to the guard. When we leave our hands exposed to blades, wheels, or bits we are often needlessly increasing the risk of injury.

In this case the side handle of the grinder was not being used so the worker's hand was very close to the wheel, and when the wheel bucked away from the work, the worker's hand was nicked by the grinding wheel.

Our policy is to use handles on tools whenever manufactures provide them with the tool. Grinders should always be used with handles and only after checking with your foreman can you remove a handle for specific work. As soon as the specific work has been completed, the handle must be replaced.

Incident Response: This week a worker from another trade had a stroke on the job and workers around him came to his aid.

When there's an injury on our job sites, it's important to know what to do.

The first thing to do is call for help letting other workers know there's a problem. Second, quickly administer first aid. Another worker responding to your call for help person you've called for help can bring the first aid kit to the scene if the injured person can't get up and go to shack for help or they can help you to move the injured person if that's what needed.

If the incident is serious, we must call 911 and assure the emergency responders can find the injured person. While waiting for emergency help, continue to administer first aid, never leaving the injured person alone.

When the emergency responders arrive stay nearby until they clear you to leave. Knowing what to do beforehand can make a huge difference when an incident happens.

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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