



TOOLBOX TALK #33

Safety as a Way of Life

Okay, this morning everyone gets to be honest. How many of you have thought at one point or another like you were being talked to as a child on the subject of safety? Yes, safety is vital to our well-being and job performance, but does it sometime seem like a little too much to remind you that you should wear your hard hat?

Let me assure you, no one on this crew is looked upon as a child. All of you are professional members of the metal buildings construction industry and what we do is important to us, our customers and our community. Now, when was the last time you hurt yourself at home. Think about that time you cut yourself working in the garage, or stepped on a piece of broken glass, or burned yourself in the kitchen. Anything like that will do for this discussion. When it happened, were you thinking about hurting yourself? You were thinking about what you were doing, most likely, but not about the possibility that you might hurt yourself. I can say this with confidence because if we think about hurting ourselves, the first thing we do as human beings is avoid the injury.

We can and do take every possible step to prevent injuries. But the fact remains, injuries most often happen when we aren't thinking about what can hurt us. The element of surprise is present almost every time an accident occurs.

That's the key to safety on this team. These talks are meant to remind you of things you already know, because if you go out to the job thinking about these things, you will be more inclined to avoid the hazards associated with injuries. Every time we meet for one of these toolbox talks, it's to make you think about safety, so that we can make our job safe.

Facilitator Notes: Talk about some incident when you might have incurred some minor injury off the job. Ask if others have had similar experiences, and allow them to share their stories if they are willing. You will find in just about every instance, the injury came when it wasn't expected. Make that point clear, so that your crew understands the purpose of these meetings, and relate these reminders to something that has actually happened to them.

Additional Notes: _____

Crew Member Comments: _____

Presented By: _____ **Date/Time** _____

Attendees: _____

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