



## Daily Toolbox Talk: Thank You May 6, 2022

Thank you all for your participation in Safety Week and your ongoing efforts to work safely. We believe that safety is a value, a belief, and an obligation that unites us across individual teams, companies, and the entire industry. It's a connection that is seen and felt between our fellow workers on the job site, between office, management, and craft, between companies and even competition, who stand together to keep everyone safe and improve our safety culture industry-wide. It's a strong bond that keeps us connected to each other and something bigger than ourselves. Because of each of you, we are united in safety and making our industry better.

Working safely does not end today but continues every day in our professional and personal lives. We all must support each other and agree to speak up when something doesn't look right, or there is a safer way to perform a task. Let's talk about a few things we can all do to make us safer:

**Have a Plan:** Assess each task and develop a plan before starting to identify, eliminate, and control potential hazards. Each operation performed must have a plan and the necessary material, equipment, and proper controls. Make sure to review and understand the plan before starting work. If the plan has changed or new hazards are identified, stop work and update the plan. Additionally, ensure all proper PPE has been supplied and is properly worn.

**Inspect the Area, Tools, and Equipment:** Before starting a new task, take a few minutes to perform a safety inspection of the job site, equipment, and tools. Any safety hazard found must be corrected before beginning the operation. If you are going to use equipment, you must be trained, authorized, and perform an inspection of the equipment before use. Contact your foreman before starting work if you need training, are unfamiliar or are uncomfortable performing a task.

**Take Safety Home:** Being safe in your personal life is just as important as being safe at work. We must remain vigilant for hazards that we encounter daily. When was the last time you did a safety audit of your home to ensure the smoke detectors have new batteries? Inspected the fire extinguisher in your home (if you have one)? Replenished your first aid kit or took a CPR and first aid class?

**Project Specific Items:** *Preparation needed – use this time to recognize location-specific achievements. If possible, include leaders from other contractors, project owners, insurance loss control representatives, etc.*

- Project milestones accomplished safely
- Safety committee members
- Personnel accomplishments
- Team member contributions
- Active participation in the safety program

**Discuss these questions with your crew.** Encourage sharing and storytelling

1. How will you keep safety a top value after Safety Week?



2. What was the most impactful part of this week?
3. Would anyone want to recognize a coworker as a safety champion?

**DID YOU KNOW?** Construction workers sustain more traumatic brain injuries (TBIs) than employees at any other type of workplace in the US. TBIs represent one-quarter of all construction fatalities, and more than half of fatal work-related traumatic injuries were a result of falls.

Safety helmets dramatically reduce the frequency and severity of TBIs due to their retention systems and ability to protect against lateral impact and penetration.

If your company has already adopted the use of helmets, ask your crews, “Why are you glad to be wearing a safety helmet rather than a traditional hardhat?” If your company is still considering making the change, ask, “What, if anything, are your reservations about safety helmets?” and reach out for more information.

