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GETTING THE TRAINING YOU NEED

Your job as a construction worker requires that you receive two types of training: skills training and safety training. While your livelihood depends on obtaining the necessary training to perform the skills of your trade, **your life** depends on the safety training you receive and put into practice every day. The two types of knowledge are actually interrelated. You aren't doing a job right if you aren't doing it safely.

Skills Training: Many of the tasks that take place on a construction site require that you have some training and experience before you perform them. Skills training involves obtaining the necessary know-how and gaining enough practice to do the job right. Construction workers can acquire these skills through informal on-the-job training, formal apprenticeship programs, trade schools, vocational schools, and community colleges. Knowing how to do your job well allows you to be productive for your employer and gives you a sense of accomplishment.

Safety Training: Because construction work involves many hazardous tasks and work conditions, you must learn how to protect yourself from the dangers that you face. Learn to do the job safely or don't do it at all. You can obtain safety training through online courses, evening classes, Weekly Safety Meetings, the examples set by your co-workers, videos, and manufacturer equipment training. Your employer may provide various training opportunities. Take advantage of all the safety training available to you.

Skills training and safety training may take place on the job, after work, or on the weekends. Ask a co-worker to teach you something that he or she knows but that you don't. Take the time to learn how to operate a new tool or machine—safely—and read the manual too. Get certified in first aid and CPR. Sign up for a computer class to keep up with technology. No matter what stage of your career you're in, you can always upgrade your skills. Let your supervisor know that you're interested in taking more training courses. Find a course that interests you and learn something new.

While your skills training primarily has monetary value, the value of safety training is beyond measure. The safety knowledge you acquire can save your life, help you save the life of a co-worker, or perhaps even a family member.

**Knowledge is your most powerful tool.
Keep it sharp and upgrade it
with the latest training available.**

SAFETY REMINDER

Special Topics For Your Project _____

Employee Safety Recommendations _____

S.A.F.E. Cards® planned for this week _____

Reviewed MSDS # _____ Subject _____

Meeting Attended By _____

Supervisor's Signature _____

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