

WEEKLY SAFETY MEETING

FOR THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

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KIDS AND CONSTRUCTION

Why should you be responsible for the well-being of kids? The answer is we all have to be responsible members of society. What does this have to do with construction? Think back to when you were growing up. When houses were being built or shopping centers were going up, didn't you check out the construction site? If you were lucky enough to live in a subdivision still under construction you probably ran down after school to see those big concrete trucks delivering ready-mix. Maybe you played hide and seek in the partially completed houses or watched a backhoe dig a hole. You didn't know anything about safety — you were just having fun.

Now that you're an adult and working in construction you need to watch out for inquisitive kids. The nature of our work creates attractive situations for children. Cranes, backhoes, and dump trucks attract kids who are curious to see this equipment in action. Youngsters will climb under or over fences and gates to see what's going on. Do your best to make sure that kids are kept out of the work area.

When you leave for the day, you need to make sure that all buckets, blades, booms, etc. are in a down position. Place your equipment in a well-lighted area, secure the operator's cab, and lock up the keys. Barricade excavations or open holes. Piles of dirt are a big attraction to children; a temporary fence around the pile may act as a deterrent. It is very important that the jobsite be as "kidproof" as possible at the end of every workday — check for holes, pipes, or anything that could injure a child.

Besides the safety factor, children, as well as adults, are often the perpetrators of vandalism and sometimes serious damage to equipment and materials. Theft of materials and tools occurs frequently. Before you go home at night, lock job boxes, trailers, offices, and gates. People are more likely to pick up material that's just lying around because it looks like scrap; stack extra materials neatly and safely.

Sightseers can be a real nuisance, but we still have to watch out for them. Both children and adults often become overly curious while watching construction and venture into areas where their well-being is endangered. Guarding the public, especially kids, against injury is one of our most serious responsibilities. The best way to live up to this responsibility is to keep unauthorized people off the site.

SAFETY REMINDER

**Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season
and a safe and happy New Year!**

Special Topics For Your Project _____

Employee Safety Recommendations _____

Reviewed MSDS # _____ Subject _____

Meeting Attended By _____

Supervisor's Signature _____