

WEEKLY SAFETY MEETING

FOR THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

 SAFETY MEETING OUTLINES Box 700, Frankfort, IL 60423 815-464-0200 No. 31 Vol. 21 Week of 7/31/2023

Company Name _____ Job Name _____ Date _____

FALLING OBJECTS

On a construction site there is a wide variety of objects which can fall — materials, tools, equipment, even other workers — and if any of them fall on you, you could be seriously injured, or even killed. The best way to avoid injuries from falling objects is to prevent those objects from falling in the first place. “An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.” Consider the following suggestions.

All materials should be piled on a sound base, straight and steady, and only to a reasonable height. Piling materials on scaffolds requires special care. You have to be sure to allow space for work operations, to make the piles stable, and to **not** overload the scaffold. Safe stacking is important at ground level too. If a stack of pipe begins to slide, for example, you could very easily end up with a crushed foot or a broken ankle.

Use hand lines and containers or buckets when you want to lift or lower materials, tools, or equipment. Never throw them from one level to another. Hand lines should be used instead of carrying items in your hands while you climb ladders. When using a hand line, keep an eye on the load, and make sure everyone is clear — including you! When you have to lift or lower materials that can't be placed in a container, fasten the load securely to the hand line. If materials like pipe, conduit, and rods aren't properly fastened, a piece can be jarred loose and hit a worker below.

Take extra care when loading materials that will be moved by machinery like hoists, cranes, and forklifts. Stack materials and boxes on skip pans and pallets safely and securely, because the load may swing, twist, or jerk while it is in motion. Forklifts often lean and rock when they roll over uneven ground — make sure that your load is secure enough to handle this treatment. Avoid the area under any suspended load.

Always be on the alert for anything that can fall when you are working near operations that are being performed overhead. Remember that tools or materials can roll or be vibrated off a work platform. A good rule to follow is to stay clear if there is any danger; and **always** wear your hard hat when you're exposed to any possibility of falling objects.

Every injury costs suffering, time, and money.

SAFETY REMINDER

Don't become a victim; avoid injuries.

Think safety, all day, every day.

Special Topics For Your Project _____

Employee Safety Recommendations _____

Reviewed MSDS # _____ Subject _____

Meeting Attended By _____

Supervisor's Signature _____