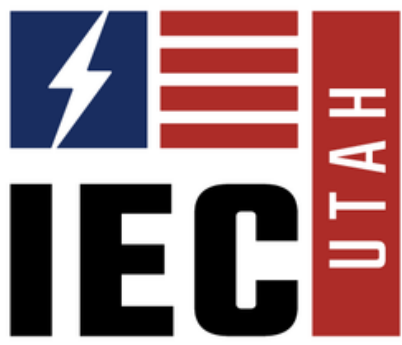
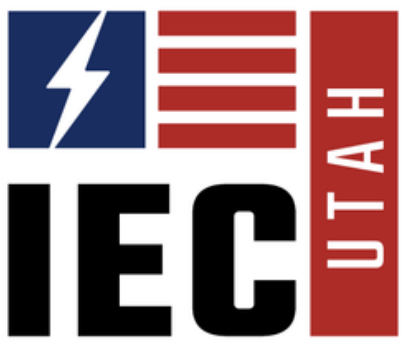




MOTHER NATURE STRIKES AGAIN
WEEKLY SAFETY MEETING
FOR THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY



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Weather affects everything we do in construction. Contractors and workers welcome spring because of the longer days and warmer weather, but springtime can also bring thunderstorms, lightning, tornadoes, and flash floods. We need to be prepared for severe weather conditions.

Mother Nature frequently strikes with a vengeance and with very little warning. Severe thunderstorms often produce very strong winds. When you mix loose materials with strong winds you can end up with property damage and the danger of flying objects. Keep this in mind when you unload, move, or store building materials. Take the necessary precautions so they won't be flying around if the wind picks up.

Lightning poses another hazard. Each year there are hundreds of people struck and killed by lightning. If you are outside stay away from metal objects like crane booms, communication towers, power and telephone lines, metal fences, and rail-road tracks. You don't want to be in a position where your body becomes a lightning conductor. If you are inside during a thunderstorm stay away from windows, electrical appliances, and plumbing fixtures.

Tornadoes strike in the United States more than 500 times each year killing dozens of people. Do you know the difference between a tornado watch and a tornado warning? When the National Weather Service issues a tornado watch it means that weather conditions are right for tornadoes to develop. A tornado warning means that a tornado has actually been spotted or picked up on radar. Either way, you need to be prepared to take immediate cover. When severe weather is forecast, someone on the site should monitor a local weather station for current reports.

Finally, remember that flash floods can result from rains that have flooded areas upstream from you, as well as from heavy rains. There could be the danger of a flash flood even if it's not raining where you are. There is no time like the present to think about and discuss the safest shelter area on your jobsite. Do you know where it is? You should be prepared at home too. Talk with your family and develop a plan to follow when severe storms threaten. Dangerous storms can develop rapidly; knowing what to do and where to go before a storm arrives, may save your life.

The fire department can provide additional information on severe weather preparedness - ask them!

Safety Reminder: Never touch dangling or damaged powerlines after a storm. Wait for police, fire, or utility crews to handle the situation.

Special Topics For Your Project

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