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Job Name _____

Date _____

DEMOLITION

Before any demolition operation begins, your employer is responsible for making sure a competent person conducts an engineering survey to examine the condition of the structure. The engineering survey will reveal what specific hazards are present at the site. Some of the hazards that demolition work can involve include the presence of asbestos or lead; the collapse of framing, floors, walls, and elevator shafts; and electrical and utility hazards.

Before you begin your work, review the demolition survey and think about how the demolition plan impacts you. Take responsibility for your safety: be aware of the specific hazards at the site, and learn how to protect yourself from each of the dangers involved.

Utility and Underground Hazards: Identify utility services inside and outside the building that need to be shut off, capped, or relocated. All workers should be notified of the temporary location for any utilities in order to avoid accidents. Be aware of underground tanks or vessels that may contain gases, flammables, or hazardous materials.

Emergency Planning: Know how to respond in case of an emergency. Be sure you understand the emergency action plan and be familiar with evacuation routes for various

emergency situations. Know the location of emergency phone numbers and how to contact individuals certified to perform CPR and first aid.

Personal Protective Equipment: Wear all the necessary personal protective equipment to protect yourself from all the hazards around you. This may involve wearing hearing protection, respiratory protection, fall protection, as well as eye and face protection. Watch out for sharp objects, floor holes, and open shafts. Additional precautions may be necessary when demolishing chimneys, stacks, silos, or cooling towers.

Protecting the Public: The demolition area should be clearly marked and secured to make sure the public does not enter. The general public should be directed away from demolition activities. Provide clear signs informing the public where to walk and what areas are off limits. Adequate lighting should be installed. Keep walkways free from clutter and other tripping hazards.

Fugitive Dust: Control dust and wash down dump trucks leaving the site. Avoid transporting dust or other hazardous materials from the site to your home. If possible, change or shower before you get in your car or before you go home.

SAFETY REMINDER

**Falling material can injure or kill you.
Always wear your hard hat to protect your head.**

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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