

WEEKLY SAFETY MEETING

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CELLULAR PHONES

In recent years cellular telephones have become an integral part of both our business and personal lives. They have replaced bulky mobile radios and walkie-talkies and they have become smaller and more economical. The cell phone makes it possible for you to communicate with anyone from almost any location. Added features like voice mail make it easy to leave messages and receive return calls no matter where you are.

Cell phones are used for many of the communication needs from the jobsite to other locations. For example, you can check with an architect about plans and specs, call the batch plant to order concrete, get answers to equipment problems, and even dial 911 in an emergency.

Along with the convenience of a cell phone comes the **responsibility** to use it safely. It's easy to become distracted by your conversation and cause an accident. If you find it necessary to use a cell phone while driving or operating equipment, practice common sense and remember the following tips:

- If possible, pull over and/or stop the equipment.
- When available, use a hands-free device.
- Position your phone within easy reach.
- Let the person you are talking with know you are driving.
- Suspend the call in heavy traffic, work zones, and during hazardous weather conditions.
- Do not engage in stressful or emotional conversations that may be distracting.

In certain places the use of cell phones can be extremely dangerous. Most hospitals and clinics prohibit their use due to possible interference with lifesaving equipment. Using cell phones on airplanes is also prohibited because they may interfere with guidance instruments.

Check the state and local laws covering the use of cellular phones and their accessories. Always obey them. The use of these devices may be prohibited or restricted in certain areas. Finally, if you must use your phone in a public place, remember to talk softly or move to a location where you won't bother anyone.

**Whether you're in traffic, walking down the street,
or working on the jobsite,**

SAFETY REMINDER

it's better to postpone or end a call than to risk causing an accident.

Special Topics For Your Project _____

Employee Safety Recommendations _____

Reviewed MSDS # _____ Subject _____

Meeting Attended By _____

Supervisor's Signature _____