

WEEKLY SAFETY MEETING

FOR THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

SAFETY MEETING OUTLINES

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SIGNS

Signs and rules are everywhere. You see them on the way to work. Look around the next time you leave home and travel towards the jobsite. You will see stop signs, speed limit signs, and red, green, and yellow traffic lights. Each of these signs gives us a different message. Signs at work provide us with visual symbols reinforcing safety. Without them employees might be unaware of dangers to their health and safety. There are many colors used in signs and labels, and some indicate more than one hazard. Learn what the colors mean so you won't be confused.

Take a few moments and think about the following colors. **Red** warns of fire and extreme danger. Red also calls attention to emergency stop bars, stop buttons, or switches on hazardous machines. **Orange** marks dangerous parts on machines or energized equipment. It also indicates the potential hazards of gears, belts, enclosures, or other guards. **Yellow** means caution. It warns of the possibility of a stumble, fall, trip or pinch point. **Green** indicates safety equipment other than fire-fighting apparatus, which is red. **Purple** warns of radiation hazards from x-ray, alpha, beta, gamma, and neutron sources.

Can you think of any colored signs in your workplace? What about the red sign identifying a fire exit, or the red sign located above a fire extinguisher? How about that green sign telling you where the first aid kit is located? Are there any yellow caution signs telling you to watch your step?

Another type of sign sends the message through a pictogram. Pictograms have been developed to warn non-English speaking workers of hazards.

Signs and rules are designed to warn you of potential hazards and often explain how to protect yourself. If you don't understand what they mean, ask your supervisor. Pay attention to all of the signs you see. You see some signs so often that you don't notice them anymore. Force yourself to recognize them, read them again today, and heed their messages. Doing so may avoid an accident and save your finger, your hearing, or your life!

SAFETY REMINDER The 'Assured Equipment Grounding Conductor Program' color code for January, February, and March is White. If you use this program, test and color code all electrical cords and power tools.

Special Topics For Your Project _____

Employee Safety Recommendations _____

Reviewed MSDS # _____ Subject _____

Meeting Attended By _____

Supervisor's Signature _____