

TOOLBOX TALK, January 6th, 2025

Training:

Coming up on January 25th the Carpenter's Union will be offering Construction Fall Protection and Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED training. To sign up go to www.swmsctf.org or check at www.fsstools.com under training schedules. As you know your contract requires regular training and updates, so check your training records and get trained as soon as possible.

Understanding JHAs

Last Year we updated our Job Hazard Analysis' (JHAs). The purpose of our JHAs is to give guidance for regular tasks and to help us anticipate and avoid hazards we may encounter.

JHA #0

Before starting any job, start with JHA #0. This JHA covers generic information applying to all jobs and should be read and understood before proceeding to task specific JHAs.

What are the parts of a JHA?

JHAs are broken into three parts like our Pre-Task Plans, providing an overview of tasks, potential hazards and possible mitigations.

Identify the Task

The first part of any JHA is to identify the task. In each JHA we start by defining the task, including as many component parts as possible.

For example, in JHA #0 we look at **Work Area Preparation**. We list "Steps to complete the job", "Hazards", and "Preventative measures".

Each JHA takes specific tasks and break them into their most basic parts while looking at the hazards and prevention measures, breaking them into manageable chunks to help us prepare for our work.

Hazards:

When we identify hazards, we use our collective experience to imagine what hazards we may experience. Examples of hazards may include those related to working on scaffolds or lifts in the case of exterior sheathing, or they may include silica exposure when working with roto hammers.

Preventative Measures:

Our JHAs outline specific procedural methods to mitigate hazards that we've identified. We may specify the use of cordless hand tools or working with a partner if moving materials over a certain length or weight. Preventative measures may also address procedures that may be required if working at heights.

As we come to a new job there'll be a specific Job Site Orientation, which includes a review of those JHAs that are pertinent to that specific job site.

JHAs, along with other safety procedures are designed to keep us safe. So, make it important to read and understand job specific JHAs before going to work. JHAs can be found at www.fsstools.com/JHAs

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